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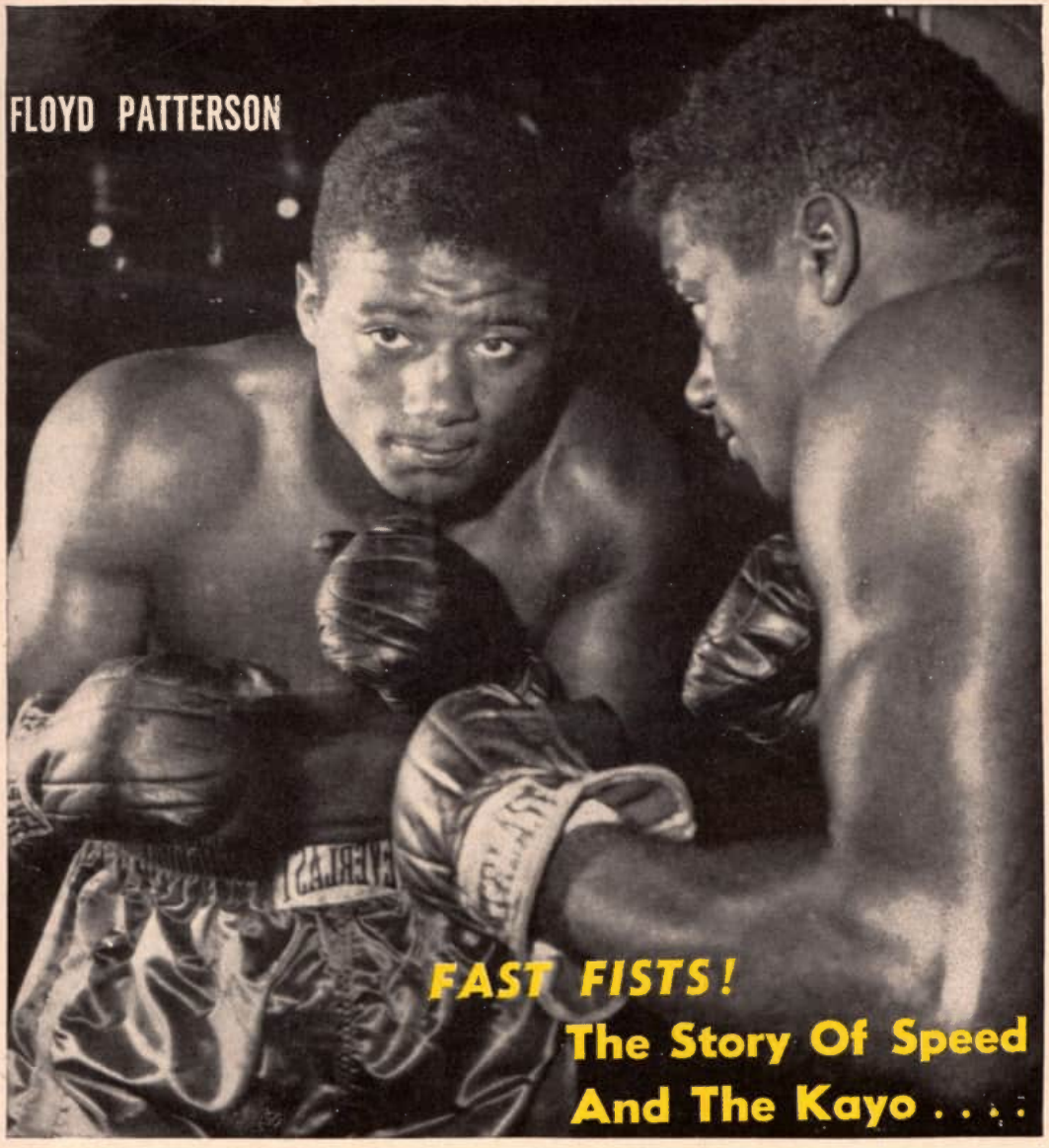

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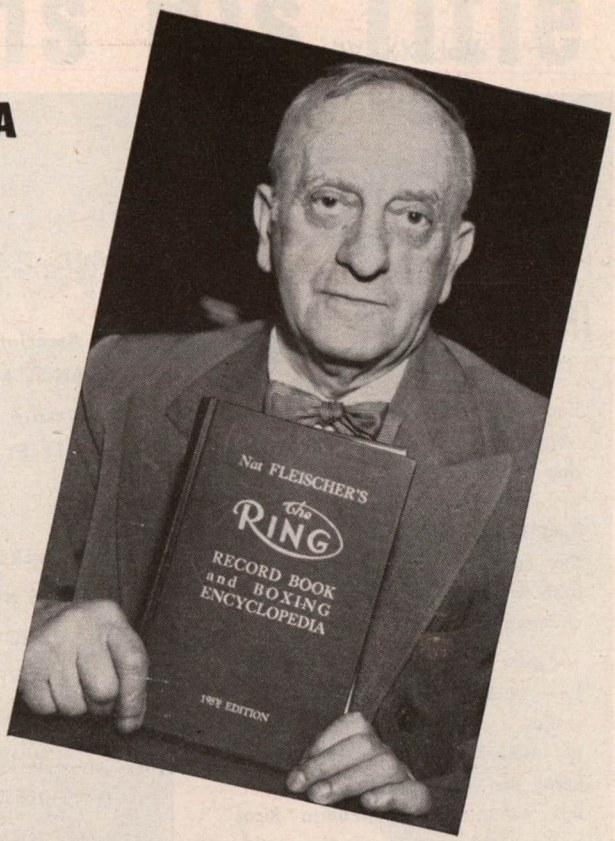

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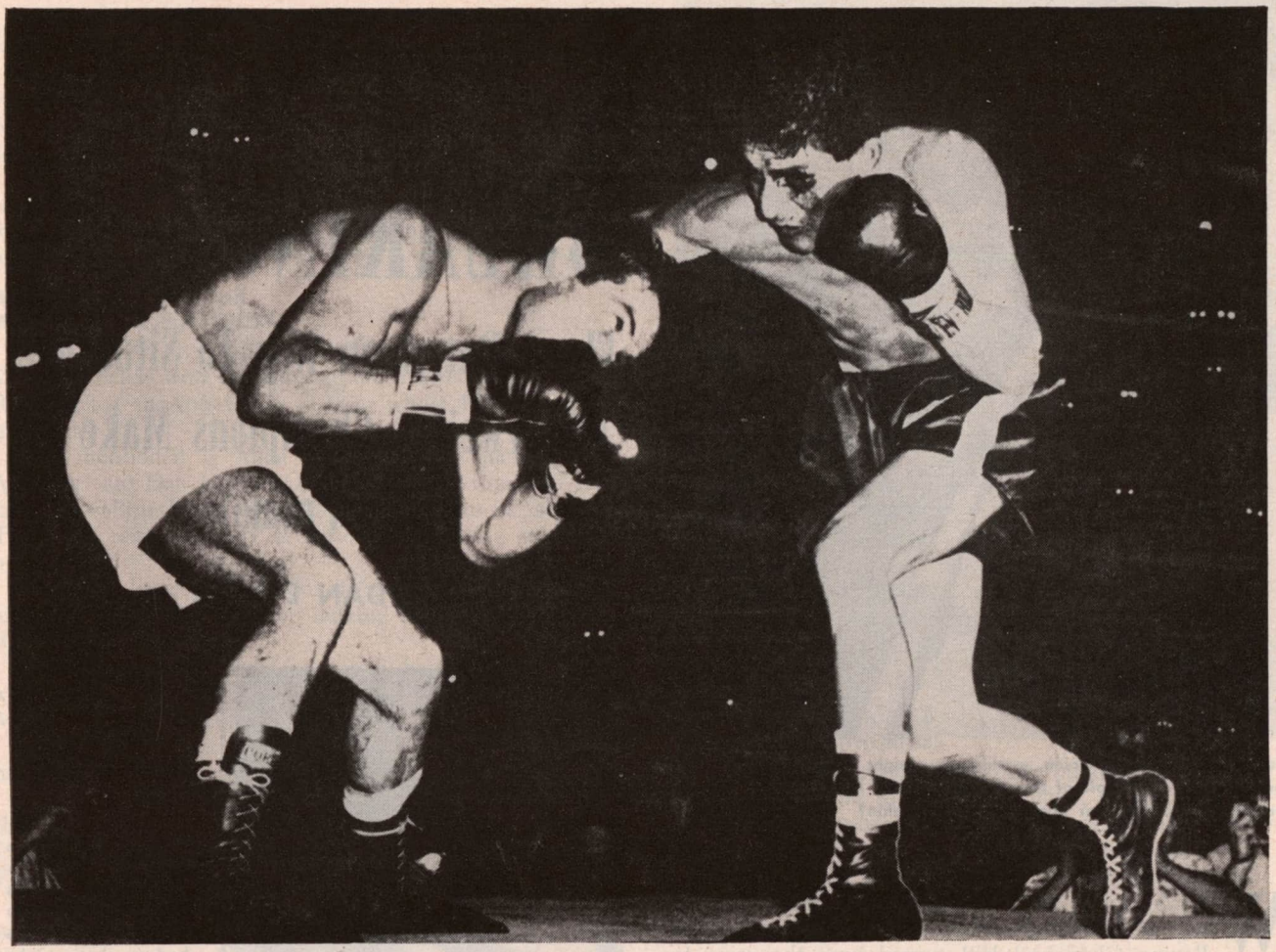

Ramon Arias, of Venezuela, right, throws right to the head of the ducking champ, Pascual Perez, of Argentina. The champ retained his title in fifteen round decision at Caracas after a torrid fight. Note Arias' cut eye which was opened in fourth round.

By WILLIAM ALBERT
Ring Venezuela Correspondent

WORLD flyweight champion Pascual Perez, the "*Little Wild Bull of The Pampas*," had to come off the deck in the second round to pound his way to a unanimous fifteen round verdict over game Ramon Arias of Caracas before the largest crowd that ever witnessed a match in Caracas, a rabid fight center in Venezuela. A crowd of better than 14,000 fans paid a record $135,000 to see a thrilling contest between two little gamecocks.

Perez, the undefeated thirty-two year old champion, was making his thirteenth defense of the title he won by defeating Yoshio Shirai in Tokyo on November 26th, 1954. Pascual has put his crown on the line more than any other man in his class.

Perez, who won the Olympic flyweight title in London in 1948, was twenty-six years old when he turned professional in 1952. Since then he has fought forty-seven times with only a ten round draw in a non-title bout with Shirai in Buenos Aires in 1954 to mar his record. That fight took place before he lifted the crown from the Japanese. A terrific puncher for one so small, he has recorded thirty-five kayo triumphs.

One of the smallest champions in boxing history—he stands a shade under four foot eleven inches. He scaled only 105¼ pounds for his bout with Arias, who tipped the beam at 109¼. This total was the lowest ever recorded for a world title contest under modern rules and class limits.

After a slow first round in which both men sparred cautiously Arias picked up the pace in the second and midway through that stanza brought the partisan throng screaming to its feet when a swift one-two sent the champion down on his haunches. Before a count could be tolled, Perez was up. Although Ramon tried to follow up his advantage, he was unable to do further damage in that round.

Ramon continued to carry the fight during the next frame, but in the fourth, the champion's solid right hand smashes opened a cut over the challenger's left eye. During the next five rounds both fought fiercely, with Perez holding a slight advantage over his young foe. However, the cut was a target for the champion to shoot at and he peppered away, causing the blood to flow freely. That handicapped Arias who was trying to utilize his long reach and box from long range.

Perez had his sights set on a kayo from the tenth round on as Arias, making his first attempt to go to the fifteen round route, tired. Ramon, game as they come, refused to give ground. He fought back gamely. Although he was half blinded from the blood flowing from his cut eye and badly battered by the solid body blows delivered by the champion, the challenger stood his ground.

Ramon was a weary lad when the fight ended but he earned a round of cheers from the crowd for his great stand as well as words of praise from the champion.

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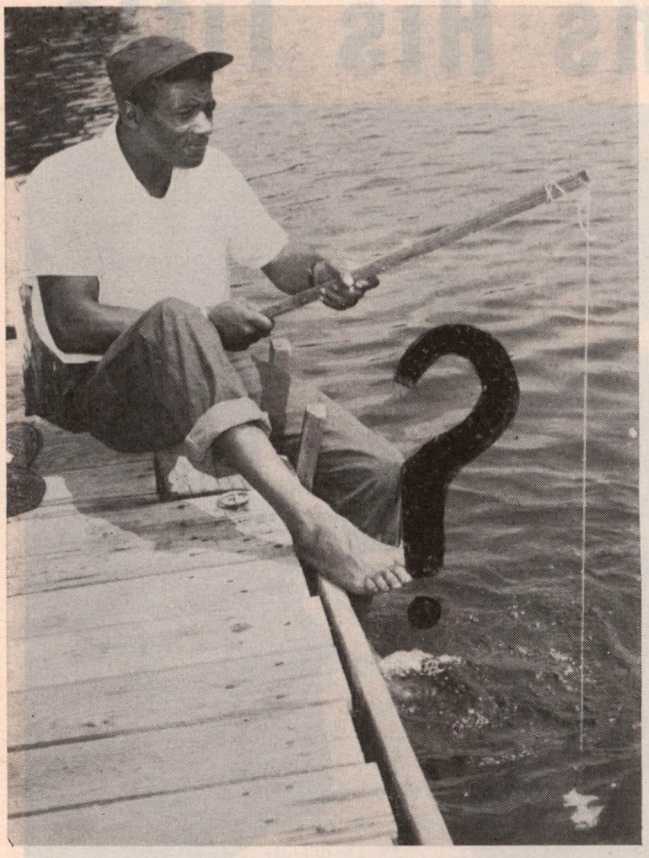
IS NORRIS EMPIRE BREAKING UP?

Floyd Patterson Key To Situation; Heavyweight Champions Make Or Break Promoters

By DAN DANIEL



Just Fishin? Floyd Patterson, world heavyweight championship is supposed to have a couple of title defenses on the line. Are they all set or are he and manager Cus D'Amato just fishin?

WHEN Jim Norris some time ago announced that he had retired as active head of the International Boxing Club, and had turned over the reins to Truman Gibson, many optimists believed that there soon would be an end to the war between the Club and Cus D'Amato, manager of world champion Floyd Patterson.

However, it has not turned out that way, and a talk with D'Amato has made it certain that there is no foreseeable truce. In fact, D'Amato now is more determined than ever to *"put that IBC out of business and end its era of intimidation and rewards."*

Lovers of boxing are eager to see the war end because they know that as goes the heavyweight situation, so goes boxing, and they want the division opened up, with Patterson defending his title two or three times this year.

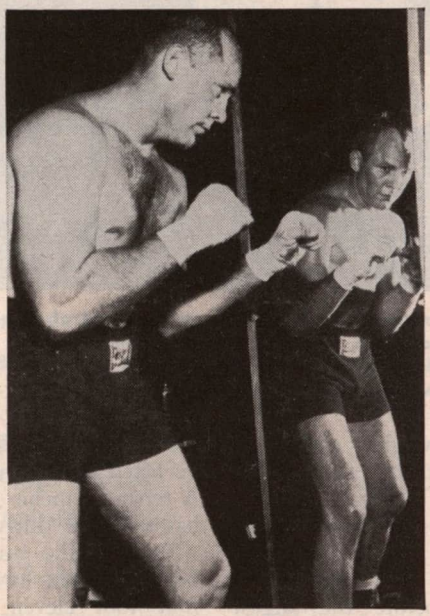
War or no war, D'Amato promised action. He resented charges that he had placed the title in deep freeze, and insisted that his man had been no less active during his championship tenure than Rocky Marciano had been over a like stretch of time after he had toppled Jersey Joe Walcott.

Whom will Patterson fight? *"I cannot give you names,"* D'Amato replied. *"I don't want the IBC to jump in and eliminate most of my choices with their usual methods.*

"I am negotiating with five different heavyweights who are worthy of title shots.

"I will land two or three of them. You ask if the list includes Roy Harris and Pat McMurtry. I say again, I am not free to confirm or deny.

"All I can say is this—Patterson and I do not bar any class heavyweights who did not blacklist Floyd when he was trying to fight his way to the top. These men now may expect no favor, no quarter, from me. Nor am I doing business with promoters who are just fronts for Norris."



On cover of this issue, Patterson looks in mirror and sees self. (Left) Pete Rademacher, who had a shot at the champ in first pro bout, looks hard, hoping to see Patterson again in a title fight.

"PATTERSON WILL EARN OVER $500,000 THIS YEAR"

"Marciano and Al Weil were in harmony with Norris so they were not charged with freezing the title, and they could take their own sweet time about defending it," Cus proceeded.

"A lot of boxing critics have been quite concerned because they said they felt that I have been preventing Patterson from earning his just rewards. Let them wipe away their crocodile tears.

"In 1957, Patterson earned in excess of $400,000 from ring and other sources.

"When, on January 4, Floyd celebrated his twenty-third birthday, I told him, and the ring public, that he would earn more than $500,000 in 1958. I could have said $750,000.

"Patterson will be satisfied, I will be satisfied, and the public will be satisfied.

"It was in the midst of Winter, when they knew I would not sign for a match, that the deep freeze holler guys

One of the many enticing offers Floyd Patterson has received comes through Charley Rose, veteran fight manager, for him to fight Allen Williams, Australian heavyweight champion, for a guarantee of $200,000 in Australia.

made their charges against me.

"I turned down Eddie Machen, Willie Pastrano and other members of the IBC Associates. The club and Norris tried to place me in a position in which I just would have to fight their choices.

"I was made to look fearful, timid, selfish. Well, we command the heavyweight situation and will make of it something that will help boxing, and not Norris and Gibson."

WILLIAMS OF AUSTRALIA MENTIONED AS POSSIBILITY

Who are the five fighters to whom D'Amato referred? Well, to begin with, McMurtry and Harris. Then Pete Rademacher, the soft touch amateur whom Floyd stopped in Seattle.

Also mentioned is Allen Williams, the champion of Australia, and Dan Hodge, Olympic wrestler who now has taken to fighting. Not even Nino Valdes is to be ignored. There is a rare possibility of Kitione Lave being an opponent.

Definitely barred, in addition to Machen and Pastrano, are these members of the top ranking ten as listed in The Ring Magazine of April 25:—

Zora Folley, who some time back fought a silly draw with Machen which did neither man any good, Archie Moore, Willi Besmanoff and Wayne Bethea.

Also off the list is Ingemar Johansson of Sweden, who has no desire to come to this country.

There have been reports of a Patterson-Harris fight in the tremendous Roosevelt Raceway, a trotting track some 25 miles from the heart of New York, on the Hempstead Plains on Long Island.

However, D'Amato insists that he is disinclined to fight in the New York area because of *"the unfriendly attitude of the boxing writers in New York."*

D'Amato added that he was not so much concerned about the site and the gate possibilities as he was about the closed circuit television revenues, which he said could come to as much as $5,000,000.

This figure is considered fantastic by theatre and television experts, but Cus insisted that he had offers from three sources and knew whereof he spoke.

D'AMATO DENIES TROUBLE WITH BOXING AUTHORITIES

"Some of the reporters have been building up reported trouble between me and Julius Helfand, chairman of the New York Commission, and the World Championship Committee meeting in Paris," D'Amato continued.

"I am in trouble with nobody. I do not need the IBC, and now it needs me.

"Another thing. I have been accused of being a partner in a promotion business. That is false.

"I want nothing to do with promoting. Nor, says Norris, does he want anything more to do with putting on big fights. Now, do you believe that?

"Do you, for a minute, believe that Norris no longer runs the IBC, no longer sets its policy? Do you swallow that stuff about Gibson being the new supreme boss?"

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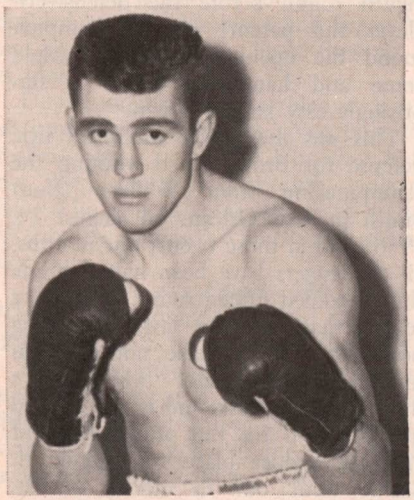
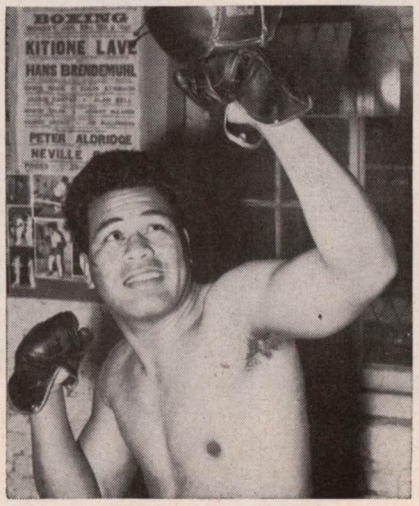


Though Pat McMurtry's reputation was slightly tarnished in his losing fight with Willi Besmanoff, a fight for the championship with Patterson would draw a fantastic amount in the fight starved northwest.

Another big money match—and there seem to be loads of them—would see Patterson in with Roy Harris, of Cut and Shoot, Texas. Such a fight in the Lone Star State could see Patterson come home with a bushelful of money.



Strictly an outsider, Kitione Lave, the Tongan Terror from the Friendly Islands, has been mentioned as a possible opponent in London bout for promoter Harry Levine.

Three and Out. World lightweight champion Joe Brown a split second before landed the final big right hand wallop which sent young Ralph Dupas down for the third time. He arose but Referee Jimmy Webb (at right) quickly stopped the bout.

BROWN'S CROWN GAINS LUSTRE

By IKE MORALES
New Orleans Correspondent

WHEN I get the range something has to fall!" Thus in a few words did Joe Brown, world lightweight champion, sum himself up following his happy hunting in Houston where they did things up brown, the titleholder out-pacing and out-punching the Native Dancer of New Orleans, Ralph Dupas, who jiggled and joggled his way into the eighth round before the defensively-clever and patently-patient champion found the openings he knew would come and hammered home a surprisingly easy knockout win.

This was the fourth successful title defense for Brown since winning the championship from Wallace (Bud) Smith in New Orleans on August 24, 1956. And in those twenty-one months, all challengers have been halted inside the scheduled fifteen round distance, a record that, at long last, is making people sit up and take notice of an underrated titleholder who carries dynamite in his fists and is not hurried in his search for the proper moment and the proper place to explode it. Smith went out in eleven rounds. Orlando Zulueta lasted until the fifteenth. Joe Lopes traveled to the eleventh. And now Dupas was duped and dropped in the eighth.

Adding lustre to the performance was

the fact that the New Orleans challenger was the No. 2 world ranking lightweight and it was the easiest title victory for the champion. His first three challengers left much to be desired and, despite the manner in which he dispatched them, criticism was heaped on Brown.

No fault could be found with the champion at the Houston Coliseum, which saw a crowd of 11,000 contribute $68,740, the largest gate in Texas boxing history. The previous record belonged to the Roy Harris-Willie Pastrano fight last June, some $22,000 less.

The fight had a bizarre ending and while Dupas was dropped three times in the last session, it still needed the intervention of the referee, Jimmy Webb, to halt proceedings. On the first knockdown, there was a 10-count—or perhaps even 11 or 13—but the referee, a former light heavyweight who had been managed by Chris Dundee, brother of Angelo, who is one of Dupas' handlers, said he could give only nine counts because Brown approached the fallen Dupas, and when waved back to his corner he wouldn't go. "I only had counted nine at the time," said the referee.

This was the first time in many years that a long-count situation had arisen in a title bout, the last being the Tunney-Dempsey battle in 1927.

The youthful Dupas, who began to wilt a little under the body blows a couple of rounds earlier, arose and staggered to the ropes where Brown quickly followed and hammered the challenger to the canvas once more. This time it was for a seven count, with Brown once more champing at the bit and Dupas glassy-eyed and bleeding.

The New Orleans fancy-dan, who had discarded his usual style to make a fight of it in an attempt to grab the title, arose to be met by another flurry of left hooks and uppercuts and once more was deposited on the canvas. He took an eight-count and again came unsteadily to his feet. It had been agreed that the three knockdowns in a round rule would be waived for the title bout as was the mandatory eight-count rule.

As Brown, his already defeated adversary cornered and defenseless against the ropes, landed flush on the jaw the referee stepped in to signal it was all over. Few could dispute his decision. He had let Dupas go as far as he could and the youngster had nothing left. The fight officially ended at 2:21 of the round.

BROWN WELL AHEAD

Brown was well ahead on points when the end came. He had started slowly, as is custom with him, using only his left, and it was the fourth round before the champion decided to make his move and began testing the efficiency and power of his right. From then on it was only a matter of time.

Dupas and Brown were ruled even in the first round on all cards, and Dupas was given only three rounds on the highest card. Judge Bill Cornelius held that Dupas took the third, fourth and seventh while judge Ernie Taylor figured he won only one—the third—with two even. Referee Webb gave Dupas the fourth and seventh rounds, with the first even.

The fourth was Dupas' best round as the black-haired New Orleans youngster landed two left hooks and a couple of hard rights to the head and repeatedly registered with jabs.

But from then on Dupas was slowed down. Brown started his downfall with a one-two on the ropes in the fifth. He started hitting Dupas repeatedly about the head, shifting to the body in the sixth while still getting over some left hooks to Dupas' face.

Champion Joe Brown (left) and challenger Ralph Dupas both tipped the scales at 134 but it put Brown in perfect fighting trim. Dupas who had been up around 140 or so weakened himself with weightmaking.

Dupas, in what obviously was a do-or-die attempt, bounced back to open the seventh with a flurry that made Brown retreat. Ralph got in several jabs to the face but could not hurt the clever, slipping, blocking, dodging Brown. Brown drove a hard left hook to the head that backed Dupas into a corner and then scored with a one-two again and got in a hard right to the head that jarred Dupas. It was probably this blow that took the starch out of the challenger and made him fairly easy prey in the eighth.

Dupas had no doubt trained down too fine to come in at 134 after being around 140 or so for the last two years. At the same weight, Brown was in perfect fighting trim, as he is a natural lightweight. It is reasonable to assume that in the future Dupas will confine his activities exclusively to the welterweight division.

Brown was a confident, smiling champion when the end came, as he had predicted, in the seventh or eighth round. "I knew it was about all over as early as the seventh round," said the champion. "Dupas was weakening badly. He's a pretty good fighter but I'm a better one. Those hooks to the body were hurting Dupas plenty.

"When Dupas came out punching in sort of a flurry at the start of the eighth instead of boxing I knew the end was near.

"All along Dupas had been leading with his right now and then. That's a mistake. I was waiting for him to do it again. Dupas did. He jabbed with his right. I crossed with a left hook to the jaw. Dupas started to go down. I landed another solid one—this one with my right. Dupas went all the way down and from then on he didn't seem to know what was happening. I was using combinations, left-right to the body and then to the head. But a couple of times I just used left hooks. They seemed to work."

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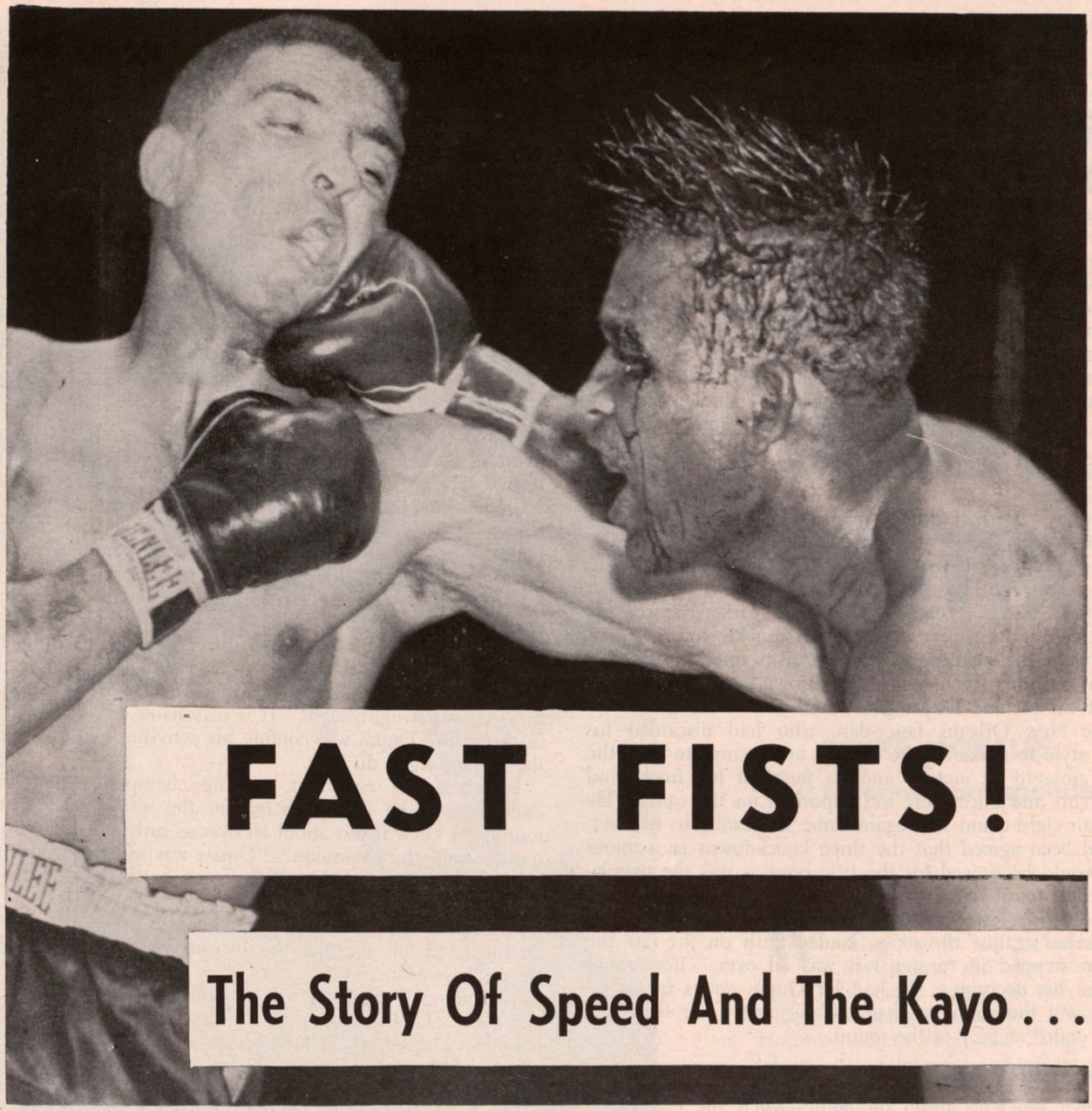
Ralph Dupas (left) tried to cover up against the rain of blows that Joe Brown stormed at him in the eighth round but was ineffective as the champion thrilled a record paying gathering at Houston Coliseum with a stunning exhibition.



FAST FISTS!

The Story Of Speed And The Kayo . . .

Sugar Ray Robinson, whose lightning fast fists have carried him to a place among the all time ring greats. Here he crashes his right to the jaw of Randy Turpin in bout that regained the middleweight title from his foe, when all appeared lost.

By AL BUCK

ROY HARRIS, contender from Cut and Shoot, Tex., was present in the Sam Houston Coliseum when Floyd Patterson, world heavyweight champion, boxed an exhibition with Dusty Rhodes, a sparring partner.

"He's awful fast with his hands," observed Harris. *"He is especially fast with those big gloves."*

Harris may have pinpointed the secret of Patterson's success. The heavyweight champion may be the fastest puncher yet, a statement that will be disputed but merits consideration.

"I know this. Patterson's quick punches defeated Archie Moore," said Dan Florio, the champion's trainer. *"Speed won the title."*

Of course, Floyd has more than speed. He is a skillful boxer a heady, experienced fighter. He moves well on his feet, but his victories have been scored mainly by fast punching.

Among present day fighters Joe Brown, world lightweight champion, punches as fast as any of them. The double left hook, first to the body, and then to the chin, that started Ralph Dupas on the way down was delivered without wasted motion. The following right was perfectly timed.

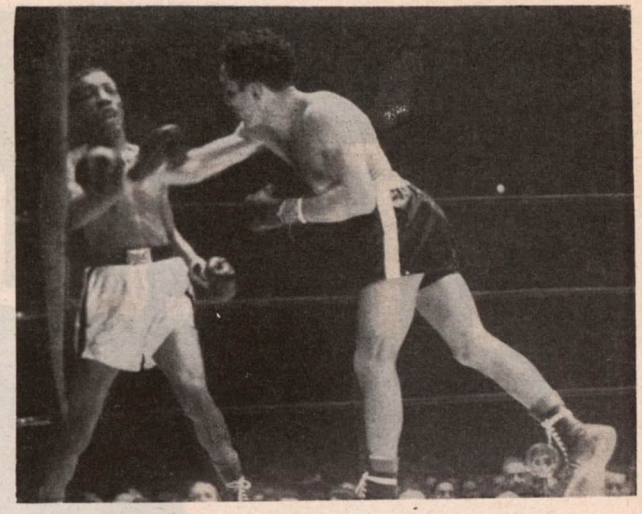
This was the knockout, although Referee Jimmy Webb and Timekeeper Woody Meyers got mixed up on the count. This permitted Dupas to continue, but only briefly. Joe got the job done in a hurry.

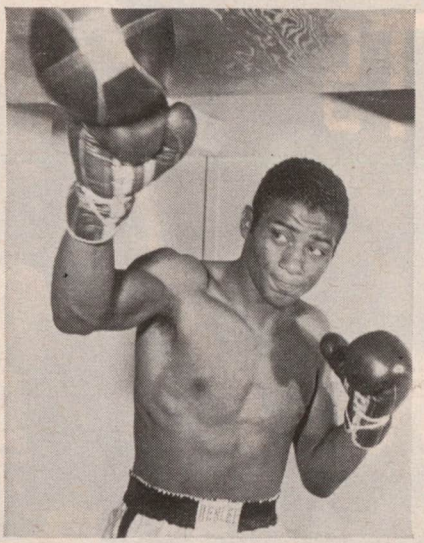
Dupas has speed, but mostly it is wasted. He moves fast on his feet, but against the champion in Houston, his jab lacked authority. Speed alone will not win a fight.

Like many quick hitters, Brown is not particularly fast on his feet. Few faster punches have been thrown than those Brown fired to take out Orlando Echevarria in one round at Havana. Cuba was torn by revolution, and the lightweight champ was surrounded by guards. He was uncomfortable, to put it mildly, and he wanted out. The quickest way to the nearest door was a fast knockout. Brown took it.

When it comes to fast hitters Cuba's Kid Chocolate

"Will of the Wisp", Wee Willie Pep, the Hartford dancing master, used his speed to it's zenith as he outpointed Sandy Saddler to regain the featherweight crown in their second meeting, an all-time ring thriller.





Right: Floyd Patterson, whose punching speed may be the fastest of any heavyweight in ring history. The world champion is seen sharpening his tools on the speed bag. (Below), Many of the foes of the late Marcel Cerdan, thought the Algerian middleweight had the number of fists shown here when they climbed into the ring with him.

belongs near the top. He was a boxer, rather than a puncher, but he was quick. Chocolate ran up a string of victories until time caught up with him. Unlike Willie Pep, the Cuban faded out fast. Pep is still going.

Among the fast destructive punchers, Lew Jenkins, the Texan, ranked high. Harry Balogh used to introduce him as *"the sweet swatter from Sweetwater."* He was all of that when he won the lightweight title from Lou Ambers with a right that whistled through the air.

Fight experts in the Twenties used to say Benny Leonard *"could thread a needle."* He was an accurate puncher, but to do what he did Benny had to strike with lightning speed. The punches that knocked out Richie Mitchell and Charley White to name only two of Leonard's many victims, were snakey darts.

Barney Ross, former lightweight and welterweight champion, was all speed. In fact it was his chief asset, as Jimmy McLarnin will tell you. When his speed went Barney was through. McLarnin, of course, was one of the all time great punchers. His right was both deadly and quick.

One of the fastest punches was the right Rocky Marciano threw to win the world heavyweight title from Jersey Joe Walcott. Jersey Joe was moving to his left along the ropes when Rocky's right, released in desperation, crashed against his jaw to end the spectacular battle.

The punch with which Rocky knocked out Walcott in the first round of their second fight was so fast few saw it. Only in the three dimension movie was it clearly visible.

Nobody would call "The Rock" fast of foot. He was slow moving, but he could punch fast, especially when he was in big trouble. An example is his second fight with Ezzard Charles. When Ezz split Rocky's nose he looked like a winner. A round later he had been stretched by Marciano's speedy punching.

Joe Louis was a plodder. He shuffled after an opponent, applying pressure, but he was slow of foot. Once Joe caught up with his unfortunate victim his punches smashed against the target with terrific speed.

Billy Conn was fast of foot, also fast with his hands. He was a light puncher, and at the same time quick to make his getaway. Louis sized up the situation with the remark:

"Billy Conn can run, but he can't hide."

Louis twice demonstrated the truth of his statement. Conn was just too fast a hitter for Gus Lesnevich, Melio Bettina and Fred Apostoli. Billy the Kid won and defended the world light-heavyweight crown on sheer speed.

Like Louis, Max Schmeling was a plodder. He fired a right hand off his shoulder, much as a hunter fires a rifle. The punch was straight, and true. It also travelled at great speed. The German may have been the greatest right hand puncher of all time.

Still Herr Max never threw as fast, or as destructive a punch as the Louis right that destroyed Paolino Uzcudun. The blow drove a tooth through the Basque's upper lip, causing him to crash to the canvas as if hit with a sledge hammer.

No one who saw the blow will ever know how Paolino got up. He did, but an alert Art Donovan, the referee, was quick to save the stricken Basque.

It was when watching Louis slaughter Paolino that Schmeling remarked: *"I sees something."*

What Schmeling had seen was Louis, after jabbing, drop his left. When they fought, Max crossed his rifle-like right over Joe's falling left. The result was a tremendous upset.

During the time that elapsed between the first and the return bout, Jack Blackburn, Joe's wise trainer and teacher, had corrected the fault. The result was a one round knockout by Louis, who followed his left with his fast right hand.

Without doubt the one round knockout of Schmeling was Louis' greatest fight. He was at his peak that night, just as Jack Dempsey was on that hot afternoon at Toledo when he destroyed Jess Willard.

The fastest hitter Dempsey fought was Georges Carpentier. The "Orchid Man" was little more than a middleweight that afternoon in Boyle's Thirty Acres. His big punch was a straight right that knocked Dempsey, the heavyweight champion, back on his heels. The Manassa Mauler closed in, and battered Carpentier down, but Georges had fired his best shotfi a good one.

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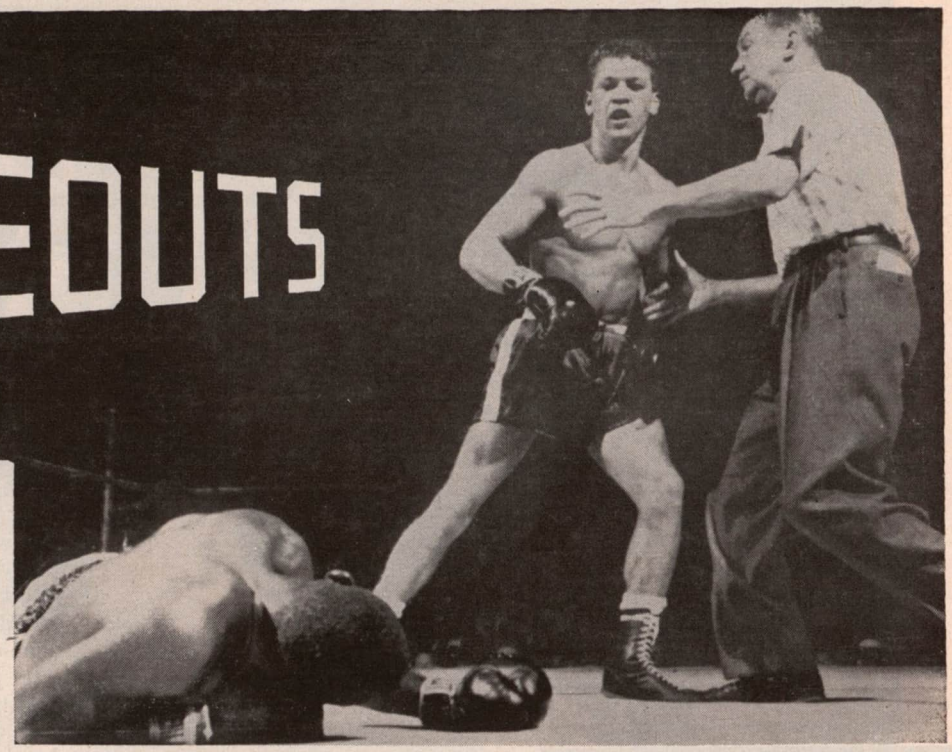
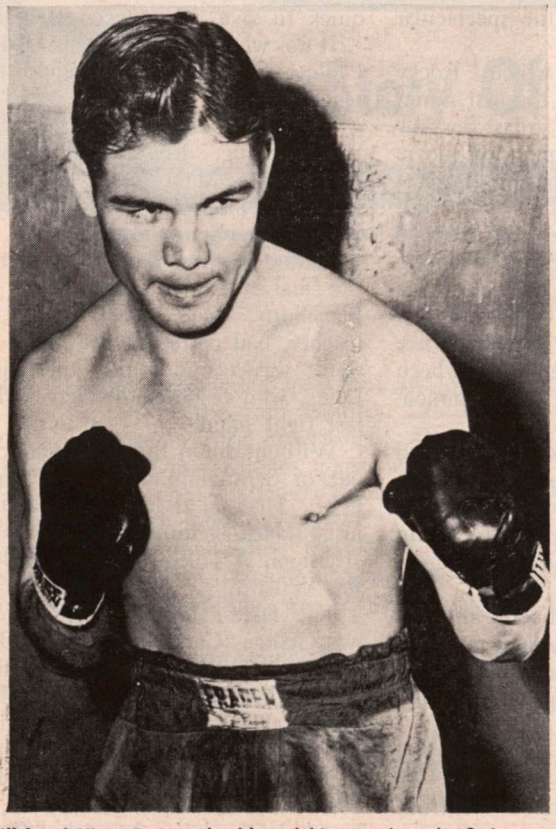
FADEOUTS

WHAT CAUSES PROMISING PROSPECTS TO FADEOUT?



Larry Boardman sends former lightweight king Jimmy Carter into dreamland in one of his most impressive victories. Less then 2 years later at 22 he is at trail's end following his kayo defeat by Johnny Busso in which he was floored seven times.

By LESTER BROMBERG



Ill-fated Vince Foster who blasted his way into the fistic spotlight with his TNT punching, and was blasted out just as quickly, when Charlie Fusari kayoed him in one round.

MAYBE you first saw Fighter A in the Golden Gloves, blazing through his opposition. Later you probably caught him in some of his pro fights, in which he looked pretty good, too.

Then came his biggest opportunity on TV—and here he fell apart, fought like a rank novice. Six months later he was practically out of sight. Now every time his name comes up, you wonder what happened—how could a fighter, with so much to start with, fail so badly.

Well, it's not new. This sort of collapse always was a basic problem of boxing, although recently it has become most critical . . . the reason is obvious, they hardly ever get to be solid fighters. All the apprenticeships are served in a hurry, because the clubs for gradual development don't exist any more.

The important thing—and this went in the old days as much as it does now—is that fighters can't be machine-tooled. In other words, our friend Fighter A appeared vastly more gifted than say, Fighter B, but inside A there likely was some difficulty that B, who eventually outstripped him, didn't have.

Let's get down to cases.

In the 1952 Olympics there were two boys on the American team who were good friends, Floyd Patterson and Tony Anthony. Floyd was the plodder, Tony the fireworks guy. Floyd's timidity would keep him in the background; Tony could talk to anybody and make a favorable impression.

"Any day you saw them both in the gym," related Pete Mello of the New York CYO organization, who was an Olympic coach that year, "you had to say 'this Anthony, he's a picture fighter.' Patterson? You'd say, 'won't make too many mistakes but who'll he excite?'"

Even after the Olympics, in which Patterson won the

heavy middlweight crown and in which Anthony didn't get to compete, Floyd frankly envied Tony. Asked about him, he said: *"Anthony, he's an exquisite boxer."*

They turned pro at roughly the same time, Patterson as a light heavy, Anthony as a middleweight. For half a dozen fights Tony easily outshone Floyd.

In fact, in Patterson's sixth pro bout, with Dick Wagner, he not only had to go the distance, eight rounds, to win but one official voted against him. Dick got his body attack going and the people were saying, *"doesn't look like Patterson likes it down there."*

Thereafter, however, their paths diverged sharply, Floyd gaining strength, weight, confidence and experience; Tony picking up finesse and a few pounds but certainly no self-belief.

Within four years of their Olympic companionship, Patterson had become world's heavyweight champion. Within five years, Anthony had fought for the world's light heavyweight title and flopped lamentably.

Both fought the same man, Archie Moore. Floyd, conservatively cocky, exposed Moore's slowness, pin-pointed his chin for a clean fifth-round knockout. Tony, getting Archie a year later, fiddled and faddled until Moore knew he had nothing in front of him, whereupon he dispatched Anthony in the seventh.

Now, go behind the scenes. . . .

MANAGERS CONFRONTED WITH SERIOUS SITUATIONS

Patterson, even as an Olympian, listened implicitly to Cus D'Amato, now his manager. Two of his brothers had been boxers, Frank and Billy, but neither could influence him and his parents left his career alone. Whatever hazards arose in Floyd's life (and he had one rugged romantic harassment), D'Amato took charge. Even his marriage a couple of years ago didn't give Floyd *"a second manager,"* as happens in some cases. His wife heeds D'Amato.

Anthony always was acquainted with too many people. His active mind prompted him to take or, at least give ear to, gratuitous advice. He was managed originally by Steve Ellis, former fight commentator. With disarming frankness, Steve often said, *"I don't know whether he manages me or I manage him."*

Later Ellis arranged a sale of his contract to Ernie Braca, a very popular member of the fight community. It was agreed on all sides that, *"if he's got it, Ernie will take him all the way."*

For a time, Anthony seemed to have straightened out. Braca gambled on going into Chuck Spieser's home town, Detroit. Spieser was No. 1 light heavy-contender. Tony delivered with a thrillingly destructive second-round knockout of Spieser.

Because Moore wasn't immediately available, Braca took another match for Anthony in Detroit, with Yvon Durelle. This time Anthony faded like a morning glory. He was lucky to finish, got a draw. When Braca pressed for an explanation, Tony admitted that he had cheated on roadwork.

Ahead of the Moore fight, Braca lived round-the-clock with Anthony but nothing helped—when he got in with the old man, he didn't have it.

Through it all there also had been the mistaken zeal of Anthony's father. Well-meaning but hardly boxing-wise, he had influenced his son and weakened Braca's leadership.

PATIENCE, HARD WORK IN DEVELOPING A NEWCOMER

Returning to our overall point that the development of a promising newcomer often has hidden roadblocks, it is appropriate to listen to Whitey Bimstein, a trainer with 40 years in the game behind him.

"You'd never imagine what sets a kid off strides," he said. *"I'll have a boy getting the knack of slipping and countering . . . to see that he doesn't get hurt while learning, I'll make sure that he doesn't work with somebody too tough.*

"OK, now I have to go out-of-town with a main event fighter. I'm gone a week, no more. But, when I get back, I discover the kid is gunshy, he hasn't the confidence to do the things I taught him.

"I ask the kid what's wrong and he doesn't say anything. I ask around. I find out that, while I was away, he boxed three or four times with some murderous puncher who made him a human punching bag . . . all my work of months ruined."

Freddie Brown, long Bimstein's buddy and an authority in his own right, fingered the financial situation of boxing today as the principal offender blocking proper progress for young fighters.

"Years back," he pointed out, *"there were enough clubs so that a manager could get good money for a fight. It would be enough so that he could say to me or any other trainer 'here, stay with this kid, give him a lot of time. Know how he lives. If he has any bad habits, show him why he has to get rid of them to get ahead.'*

"The fan never knows what you have to go through with a fighter. Of course, when it was worth your while, you did it and the results showed. I had some dillies but I got around them. In time, they became good fighters, some of them champs . . . now? if I have a kid for a week before a fight, I'm lucky."

BOXING A TRADE; GYM WORK ESSENTIAL

The effectiveness that shockingly isn't there when a young headliner is overmatched against a veteran, mainly is a matter of minutes and hours in the gym, according to Dan Florio, another of the old-school handlers.

"Why kid yourself?" pointed out Dan. *"I can remember fighters coming into the gym at 10 in the morning and not leaving until 4 in the afternoon. Now they breeze in at noon and they're gone by 2.*

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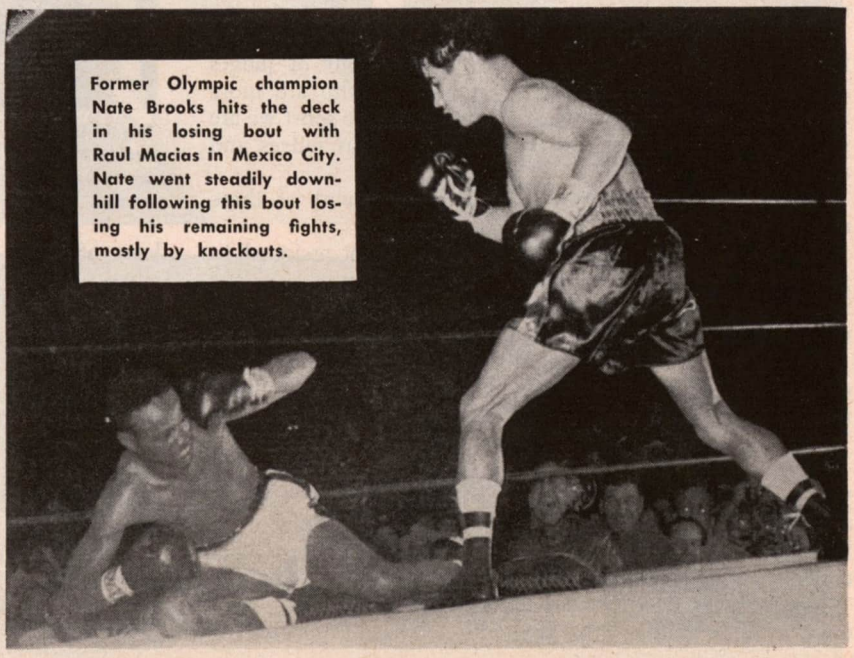
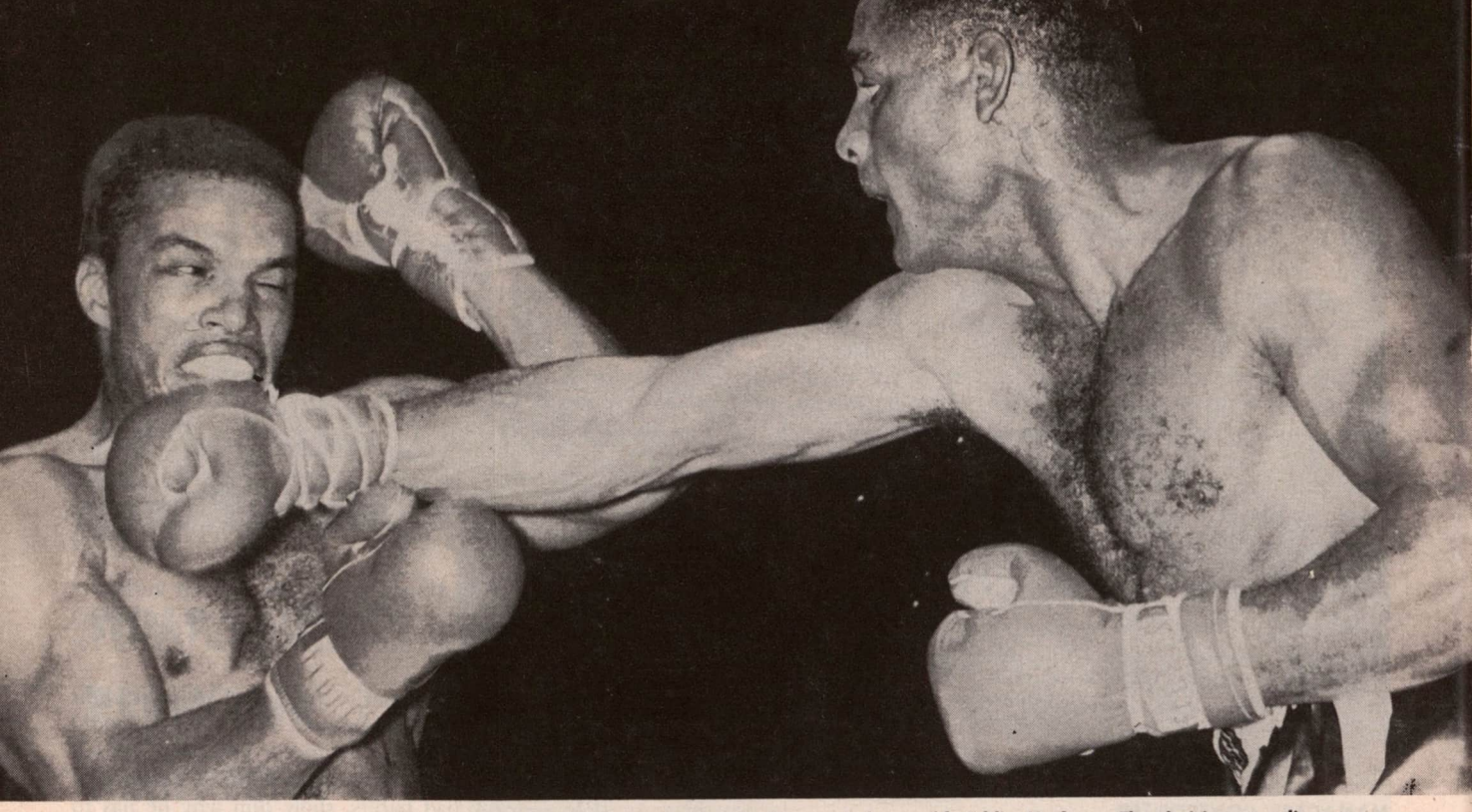


Former Olympic champion Nate Brooks hits the deck in his losing bout with Raul Macias in Mexico City. Nate went steadily downhill following this bout losing his remaining fights, mostly by knockouts.



Zora Folley (right) lands one of the many rights that he scored in his 12 round draw with Eddie Machen. The decision, a split one, became a point of controversy among fight fans.

Why... ... SO MANY SPLIT DECISIONS? Epidemic of disagreement among officials poses problems

By LEW ESKIN

A MYSTERY to boxing fans created by television is, how can three officials look at the same fight and come up with such a wide difference of opinion as is reflected in more and more split decisions?

Why can't these experts agree on who has won a fight? A question that is complex to answer. There are as many reasons for these divided opinions as there are divided verdicts.

The most valid of these is that all the officials are not fully competent. As long as the appointment of judges and referees is in the hands of politicians who are more interested in patronage then in helping the fistic sport we are going to have officials who are not qualified as judges and referees.

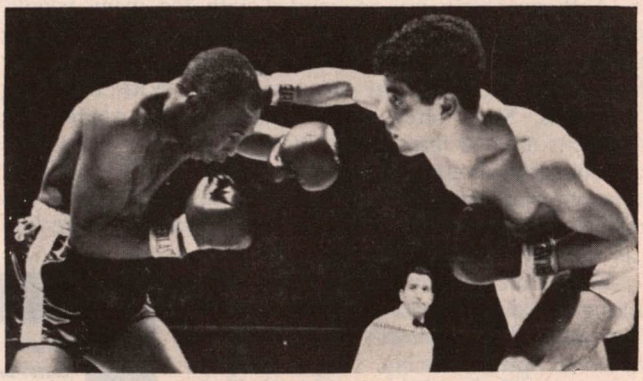
This holds true not only in the appointment of these men but in the assignments they draw.

Many competent officials are passed over or assigned to preliminary bouts, while the political favorites get the important fights. This practice is not fair to the men passed over, to the boxers, or the fans. Yet it is a common one.

For years there has been talk, but no action taken, of establishing schools and clinics to give the proper fundamental training to officials and establish refresher courses. Yet talk is all that has been accomplished.

Talk to any boxing manager or fighter and he will tell you how he has been robbed. In too many places it is almost impossible to beat a local fighter unless you knock him out. This is due to the so called "home town" decision, not to crooked officials.

Home town decisions are not as big an issue as they once were. With so many bouts televised, officials are leery of giving the local idol the big edge they once did, when only the fans in the arena could see the contest. Of course, you still have them. Whether they are scored that way subconsciously or not is another tough question.



Harold Gomes lands a right to the head of Ike Chestnut during their drab 10 rounder in the Garden. In this mauling bout, four rounds were scored even by the officials, the top amount for a New York contest.

An official who has watched a boxer many times is often prone to give him credit for what he can do, not what he is doing at the moment.

Many remedies are suggested. The one most boxing experts feel could go a long way to straighten out the difficulties is the appointment of officials on merit, by a non-political body.

Next is a uniform scoring system. The varied system of points and rounds used not only in different parts of the world, but in different states in the U. S. causes confusion. Only last year, when some member states of the N. B. A.

were switching for the complex five points must system to the more complicated ten point must system, a referee in a Kansas City bout between Willie Vaughn and Joey Giardello scored the bout under the old system instead of the new. His vote was thrown out by the commission, depriving Vaughn of a victory and causing the bout to be called a "no decision."

Considering 1958, only the bouts nationally televised, to give an example of the split decision wave we are having, of the 39 fights that have gone the limit as of May 16, 20 ended with the officials unable to agree on a unanimous winner.

Of these contests, twenty-four were in New York state, which has the round scoring system with points added in case of a draw in rounds. Out of these twenty-four contests, twelve ended in split decisions, but only one was called a draw.

Of the fifteen fights staged in NBA territory, eight ended in split decision, three were called draws.

Why the tendency to draws under the point system which is designed to make the scoring of a fight more clear? In these nine fights a total of fifty-one rounds were scored as even out of a total of 392 rounds judged.

In New York only twenty-two rounds were scored even out of a total of 708 rounds judged, a truly amazing figure.

The so-called simple system turned out more even rounds than the difficult one.

An interesting side light is that of the three fights in NBA territory scored under the five point must system only 10 of 76 rounds were scored even.

In two widely discussed draw decisions, the Bobby Boyd-Holly Mims bout in Miami Beach and Zora Folley vs. Eddie Machen in San Francisco, a surprising number of rounds were judged even.

In the Boyd-Mims fight, a ten rounder, nine heats were called even, yet the officials did not unanimously score one round even. In only two rounds did two officials agree that a round was even.

In the Folley-Machen draw, eleven rounds were scored as deadlocked by the officials. Only one round was called even by all three, and in only one other did two agree that it was even.

This is hedging, and that is the only term that can be used for officials who refuse to give an edge to one fighter or the other. It is the major cause of split decision and bad decision under the point scoring system. Is this caused by lack of judgment by the officials, by their lack of ability to score fights, by home townism, or what?

In the New York bouts the greatest number of rounds called even in any one contest was four, in the Harold Gomes-Ike Chestnut fight, a dull mauling match. In three of the New York fights officials turned to the points to decide a victor. That was in the Jimmy Archer-Danny Russo first fight, and in the Paolo Rosi-Johnny Busso and Nino Valdes-Mike DeJohn contests.

This system gives a man a round plus one to four points, depending on his margin in the rounds he won. An even round or a lost round brings no points.

Most boxing men, especially the Old Guard, feel that the round system is the best. Some say that when a fight is over, one man is the winner no matter how many rounds have been scored for each. This however would really bring confusion so it must be put aside.

There are many who feel that the referee should be the sole judge of a fight—that being closest to the action, unaffected by the crowd, he is in the best position to see what damage is being done and to judge how much or how little the effectiveness has been generated by an attack.

Most old timers and many of the current experts agree with this thought. But you must have an experienced and competent man. Unfortunately, with the present po-

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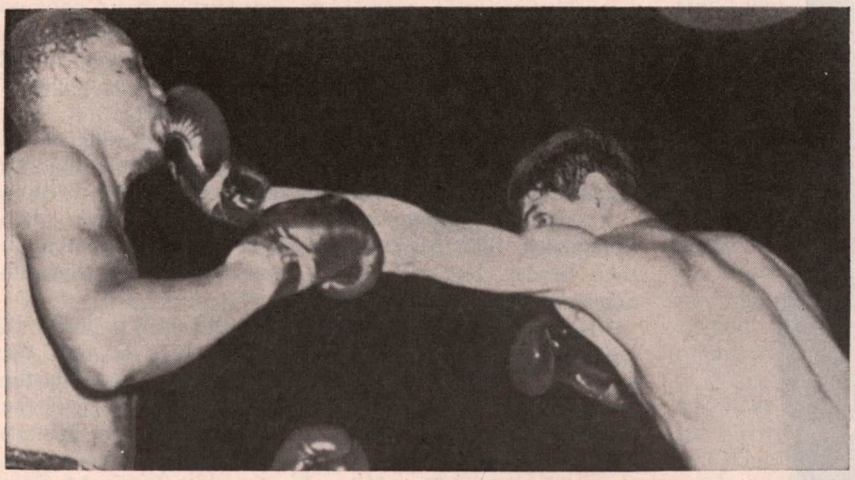
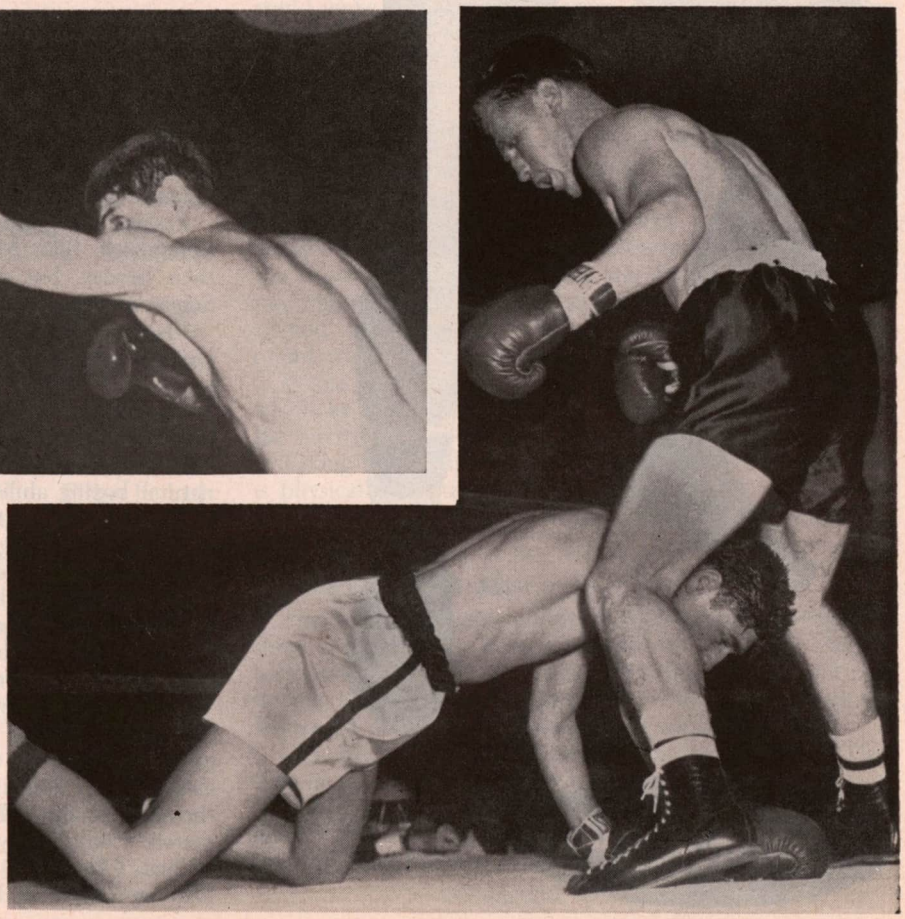
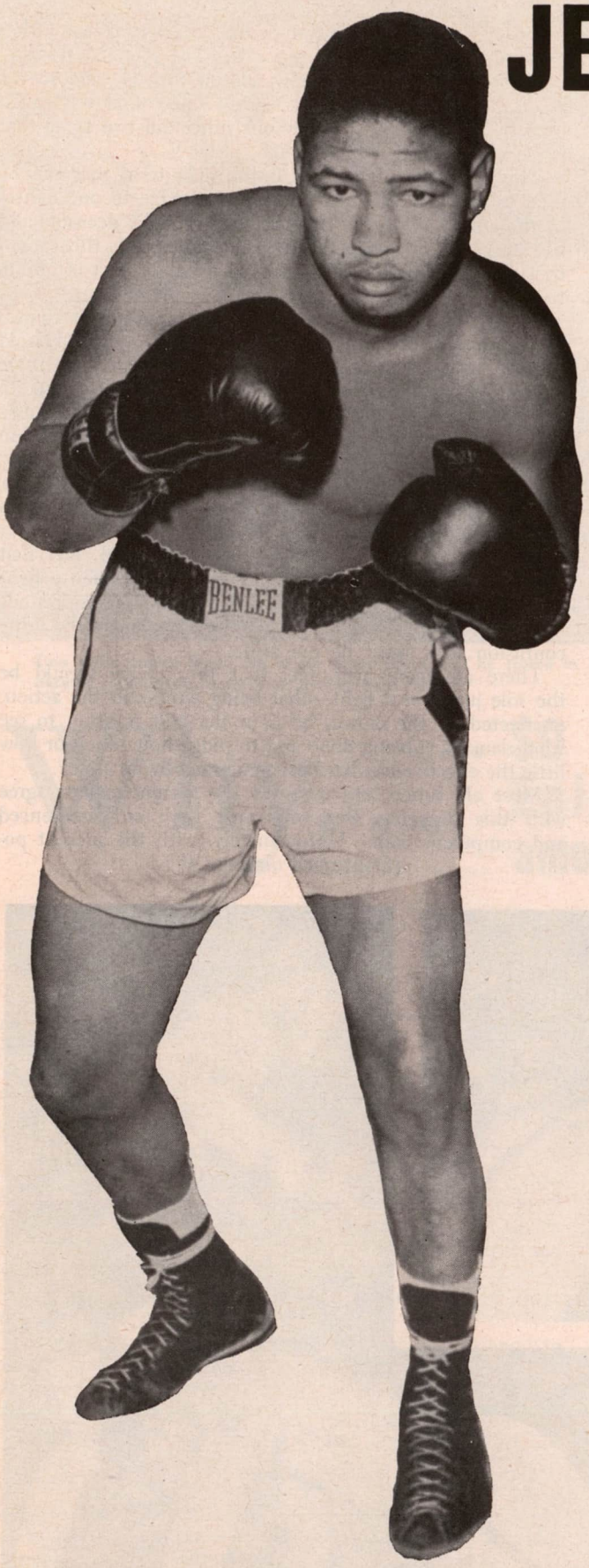




(Above) Mike DeJohn pokes a left into the face of Nino Valdes, during their split decision ten rounder in Syracuse. Valdes won by a point margin. (Right) Johnny Gorman on the deck in the second round of his upset split decision win over Joey Archer. In this St. Nick's bout Gorman was floored twice and under the point system would have lost.



BIOGRAPHY

JESSE BOWDRY

Fighter With A Future

Teenager, Born In St. Louis Two Days Before Moore Fought Main Event There, Looks to Lift Old Archie's Title

By JOHNNY SALAK

ONE fight doesn't make a fighter. But it's a sure thing that nowadays, with talent as scarce as it is, one good fight can do plenty for a rising youngster.

Take the case of the youthful Mr. Jesse Bowdry of St. Louis, Mo., who has not yet turned twenty but finds himself among the world's best in the light-heavyweight division.

Perhaps not quite the accomplishment it was when Berlenbach, Siki, McTigue, Slattery and Delaney were in their heyday, but still anyway you count it on your ten fingers quite an achievement.

Flash in the pan, like so many others? We doubt it, based on the workmanlike manner in which he took the measure of Clarence Hinnant, who has been in with the best of the division and, on past performance, had the knockout power to demolish the ambitions of any upstart.

Bowdry showed himself to be a solid performer with natural boxing ability. What he does lack is the big-time experience that must come with time. He showed speed and he showed lightning lefts. The punch that had stopped 18 of his previous 23 foes was missing. Either Hinnant proved too clever and durable (which are not his strong points according to the record) or the caliber of opponents Bowdry had met up with before were not the most lion-hearted, rock-ribbed and cement-jawed.

Be that as it may, he got over the first tough hurdle in impressive fashion, his services are in demand, a couple of more impressive wins and no doubt his handlers will be clamoring for a title shot. Which could presumably produce the greatest age differential in the history of a world title match, a near-fifty year old vs. a not quite twenty-year old. In fact, Old Archie Moore was an established fighter who had been banging around the midwest and far west for

several years before Bowdry weighed in for the first time.

Carrying this a bit further—as long as we don't go too far—two days after Jesse made his debut in St. Louis, on November 20, 1938, Moore was fighting a main event in that city, scoring a two-round knockout over Ray Lyle.

WON GOLDEN GLOVES TITLES

Young Jesse started boxing at the age of fourteen and went on to win the National Golden Gloves middleweight championship in 1954 and 1955. He was undefeated during his amateur career of 45 fights, scoring 38 knockouts.

It was while fighting in the Golden Gloves that Bowdry met his wife. She was there attending the bouts, saw him and it was "glove at first sight." She asked for his autograph, he obliged, and signed for life. They now have two children, a boy and a girl, and live in West St. Louis.

While he had a spectacular amateur career and appeared to be most promising, though he started off his professional campaigning in impressive style there were a number of doubts attached to Bowdry, mainly whether he could take a good punch without folding.

He scored knockouts in his first five money fights, then won a four round decision from Sonny Ray and lost a six round decision in a return. After mopping up his first seven opponents in 1957, six by knockouts, he again met Ray and ran into a right hand blow to the jaw which stopped him in the second round.

Bowdry was out of action for over two months and then wound up the year with knockouts over Benny Mason and Georgia Kartalian.

BRILLIANT START THIS YEAR

This year, as the caliber of his opponents was stepped up, started off brilliantly for him. In Chicago in January he stopped Joe Thomas and Clarence Floyd. February saw him halt Norm Bolden and decision Pero Bradley in his first eight round go.

At this point, Bowdry was in the tough position of being too good for the youngsters of his own relative experience, possibly not well grounded enough to take on a better type of opposition.

Fights were tough to get, few willing to get into the same ring with him. Pinky Mitchell, one-time junior welterweight champion, brought in his Irishman, Eddie O'Hara, from Milwaukee to fight Bowdry, who stalked his man throughout the first round and finally clobbered him in the second, with the referee stopping the fight.

Mitchell, while disappointed with his protege, was quick to heap praise on Bowdry.

"He's got everything," said Mitchell. "A snappy left jab like old Lew Edward's and a hard right into the heart, like Jack Dempsey's smash. He's the best light heavyweight prospect around and he could reach the top."

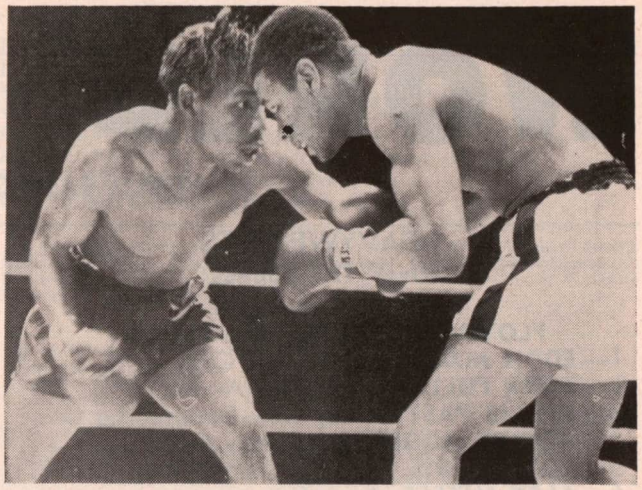
But being a prospect and getting past the "big boys" are two different matters and on April 3 Bobby Lane was brought in to meet Bowdry at the Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis. It was his most severe test to that date. Either he had it, or he didn't. The fight would most certainly tell.

LANE GIVES HIM ROUGH TIME

Lane has been in with many of the top rated fighters, held victories over Franz Szuzina and Angelo DeFendis and in his last start had lost a decision to Chuck Spieser.

But there was a special added incentive for Bowdry in this match. Get over Lane, they told him, and you've got a fight with Clarence Hinnant on a national television hook up. Simple as all that. All you've got to do is to get over Bobby Lane and Clarence Hinnant and you're a national figure and you jump right into the thick of things among the top rated ten in the world.

Well, Lane was no sucker and no soft touch. As a matter of fact, Bowdry had a tough time with Lane. Jesse proved himself a very game battler, coming back from two trips to the canvas for eight counts, to stop his man in the seventh round.



Jesse Bowdry (right) flashed speed and a stunning left jab in his initial big time fight as he easily defeated Clarence Hinnant at Chicago Stadium. Here both fighters look for an opening, which Bowdry found seconds later.

Bowdry started out by chasing Lane all over the ring and handily winning the first round. He began the second the same way and perhaps too much confidence creeped in for a youngster, while at the same time, a right hand thrown by Lane sneaked in to put Bowdry down. He got up at the count of eight, just as the bell sounded.

Bowdry stormed back in the third round to punch Lane around again, but in the fourth once more came the big wallop from the tall, gangling Lane and once more Bowdry dropped to the canvas. It was doubtful that he could make it make it back again, as he went down on his side and rolled over. Somehow, he did, however, and came roaring back to the attack.

Bowdry didn't seem to be badly hurt and swarmed all over Lane in the following two rounds. In the seventh he went after Lane with a two-fisted attack and dropped Bobby in his own corner for a count of eight.

As Lane got up, Bowdry charged in for the kill and a punch or two more made it apparent that he could not go on. Referee Paul Spica fell down trying to get between the two men to halt the match and Lane took a couple of more punches before Spica could regain his feet and authority and stop the match. Only two seconds remained in the round when Spica halted the bout.

While it was much to Bowdry's credit, the manner in which he came back to win the fight, it once more raised the question of whether he could take a punch or not.

Taking a blow isn't something that a boxer can learn. He is physically constituted to take it or he isn't and exactly where Bowdry stands in all this still remains a reasonably doubtful issue.

BOWDRY PROVES SELF

The Hinnant match proved that Bowdry rates right up there with the best, despite his lack of experience. While his vaunted power was lacking in this fight, he showed that he was a fast-punching sharpshooter and easily gained the ten round decision over Hinnant at Chicago Stadium.

Only once did Bowdry have his opponent wobbly. That was in the eighth round when the St. Louis youngster landed a good left hook and a right that sent Hinnant back against the ropes. Bowdry threw three chopping rights on his face, but Hinnant—who has been knocked out three

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By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

WORLD RATINGS AS OF MAY 21

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
FLOYD PATTERSON, Brooklyn, N. Y

1—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
1—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariona
3—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
4—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
5—**ROY HARRIS,** Cut and Shoot, Texas
6—**ALEX MITEFF,** Argentina
7—**NINO VALDES,** Cuba
8—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
9—**WILLI BESMANOFF,** Germany
10—**WAYNE BETHEA,** New York, N. Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Syracuse, N. Y.
2—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
3—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
5—**ELLSWORTH (Spider) WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
6—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.
7—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.
8—**WILLIE VAUGHN,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
10—**GENE ARMSTRONG,** Elizabeth, N. J.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
JOE BROWN, New Orleans, La.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
3—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
4—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
5—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
6—**JOE LOPES,** Sacramento, Calif.
7—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
8—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
9—**AL NEVAREZ,** Mexico
10—**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

World Champion
ALPHONSE HALIMI, France

1—**RAUL (Raton) MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
3—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
4—**MANUEL ARMENTEROS,** Cuba
5—**EUGENE LeCOZANNET,** France
6—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
7—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
8—**JOE BECCERA,** Mexico
9—**AL ASUNCION,** Philippines
10—**PETER KEENAN,** Scotland

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
3—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
4—**YVON DURELLE,** Canada
5—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
6—**MIKE HOLT,** South Africa
7—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
8—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.
9—**CLARENCE HINNANT,** Washington, D. C.
10—**UWE JANSSEN,** Germany

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
(TITLE VACANT)*

***Akins and Martinez fight for title on June 6th.**

1—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
2—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
3—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
4—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
5—**GARNETT (Sugar) HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.
6—**KID GAVILAN,** Cuba
7—**GIL TURNER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
8—**CHARLIE (Tombstone) SMITH,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**MICKEY CRAWFORD,** Saginaw, Mich.
10—**GIANCARLO GARBELLI,** Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

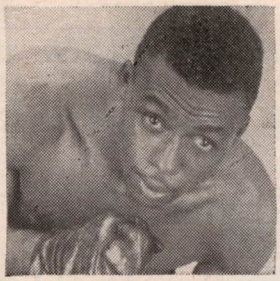
World Champion
HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY, Nigeria

1—**DAVEY MOORE,** Springeld, O.
2—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
3—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
4—**GABRIEL (Flash) ELORDE,** Philippines
5—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
6—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
7—**MANOLO GARCIA,** Spain
8—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico
9—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
10—**HAROLD GOMES,** Providence, R. I.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
2—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
3—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
4—**DOMMY URSUA,** Philippines
5—**RAMON CALATAYUD,** Venezuela
6—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
7—**MASAJI (Lefty) IWAMOTO,** Japan
8—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
9—**CARLOS MIRANDA,** Argentina
10—**JIMMY ABEYTA,** Richmond, Calif.



JOE BROWN

Fighter of the Month

JOE BROWN of New Orleans, La., is designated as The Fighter of The Month by The Ring Magazine for the outstanding manner in which he successfully defended his lightweight championship. Knocking out Ralph Dupas in the eighth round Brown laid claim to a pair of the fastest fists seen on TV.

The lightweight division was the busiest during the past month with a newcomer, Carlos Ortiz, fighting his way into eighth place by his ten-round decision over fourth rated Joe Lopes, who due to this loss was dropped to sixth. Kenny Lane exchanged places with the kayoed challenger Ralph Dupas, moving into second place with Dupas now third. Duilio Loi, number one contender, defeated Al Nevarez, causing him to go down from eighth to ninth. As a result of Lopes' loss, Paolo Rosi and Willie Toweel benefited and each moved up a notch, from fifth to fourth and from sixth to fifth respectively. Baby Vasquez was dropped out of the select group to make room for Ortiz.

Jesse Bowdry outpointed Clarence Hinnant and moved up from tenth to eighth among the light heavyweights. Hinnant fell from eighth to ninth and Uwe Janssen also slipped a notch to tenth.

Big news among the middlweights was the good win achieved by Joey Giardello in his decision over Rory Calhoun. Giardello moved up from fourth to third with Charley Humez, inactive, down from third to fourth. Calhoun went from fifth to sixth with Spider Webb moved up from sixth to fifth.

Nothing of importance has occurred among the welters. The featherweights saw a switching of the two and three spot holders with Cherif Hamia losing a notch due to inactivity and Paul Jorgensen upped one rung to second. The bantamweights are unchanged and the flyweights have a new entrant in tenth place, Jimmy Abeyta, who drew with Ramon Calatayud. Dennis Adams, loser of two out of three fights with Jose Ogazon, was removed to make room for Abeyta. Following are the months results:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Archie Moore outscored Willi Besmanoff, 10.
Nino Valdes outscored Mike DeJohn, 10.
Johnny Summerlin kayoed Cornelius Brown, 5.
Pat McMurtry kayoed Vern Esco, 3.
George Chuvalo kayoed Howard King, 2. Mino Bozzano defeated Joey Maxim, 10. Ulli Ritter stopped Bobby Warnbrunn, 8, and decisioned Alain Cherville, 8.
Young Jack Johnson defeated Willie Wilson, 8. Massimo Zanaboni outfought Gian Alfonsetti, 10. Terry Lewis kayoed Dave Roy, 2.
Art Swiden bested Oscar Pharo, 10. Ruben Vargas stopped Jack Torme, 7. Johnny Gray upset Ernest Terrell, 8. Dave Rent beat Sonny Moore, 6.
Bob Woodall kayoed Charlie Lopes, 6. Johnny Harper bested Chubby Norris, 6. Emil Brtko kayoed Richard Pittman, 2. Tony Emanuel beat Karl-Heinz Wendt, 6. Moses Graham won from Sam Jones, 6.
Willie Richardson kayoed Ernie Bernard, 1. Herbert Hair bested Johnny Hobart, 6. Dave Carey halted Walter Rushmore, 3. Richie Norden halted Dennis McCann, 1. Ocie Chapman kayoed Herman Henry, 4.
Archie Moore beat Howard King, 10. Charley (Sonny) Liston stopped Julio Mederos, 3.
Ulli Ritter outscored Joey Maxim, 10. Italian Champion Franco Cavicchi whipped Giannino Luise, 10.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champion Archie Moore defeated Willi Besmanoff, 10, (non-title), and Howard King, 10 (non-title).
Tony Anthony kayoed Artie Miller, 6.
Jesse Bowdry outpointed Clarence Hinnant, 10.
Donnie Fleeman kayoed Bobby Lane, 2. Matt Jackson, 9, and beat Alvin Green, 12. Randy Turpin stopped Eddie Wright, 7.
Roque Maravilla defeated Cal Brad, 10.
Nelson Poccione stopped Eduardo Cartelli, 9. Sonny Ray whipped Ray Augustus, 8. Jovito Arregui kayoed Miguel Paz, 6. Carlos Paiva stopped Abel Escalante, 3.
Curtis Bruce decisioned Cardell Farmos, 8. Framos won over Willie Gray, 8. Kid Sixto Rodriguez won over Teddy Martin, 6.
Pedvers Sangoe became Welsh champion by beating Noel Trigg, 12. Jim Dover defeated Jack McCracken, 6.
Moses Walker beat George Kartalian, 6. Johnny Riggins stopped Bull Halsey, 5. Al Anderson stopped Freddy Mack, 3.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Lee Williams, Boston, Mass.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Matt Plachy, Houston, Texas
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Tony Dominguez, Oakland, Calif.
WELTERWEIGHT—Eddie Perkins, Chicago, Ill.
LIGHTWEIGHT—Bobby Hicks, Seattle, Wash.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Vernon Lynch, Brooklyn, N. Y.
BANTAMWEIGHT—Santos Seoane, Spain
FLYWEIGHT—Hiram Bacallao, Cuba

Bobby Stininato stopped Mert Brownfield, 5, and beat James Beard, 5. Willie Clemmons beat Foneda Cox, 6. Ed McDonough kayoed Joe Green, 1. Marshall Harris stopped Gene Cooper, 3. Ozzie Nelson halted Teddy Garrison, 5.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Joey Giardello whipped Rory Calhoun, 10.
Charley Joseph halted Reybon Stubbs, 10.
British Empire Champion Dick Tiger demolished Billy Ellaway, 2 (non-title).
Gustav Scholz retained his German title by kayoing Max Resch in 4.
Yama Bahama outscored Ray Sheppard, 10, and Amen Pack, 8.
Chico Vejar halted Yvon Turenne, 3, but lost to welter Armando Muniz, 10. South American champion Andres Selpa was held to a draw by Sugar Boy Nando, 10.
Jimmy Martinez outpointed Woody Winslow, 10. French champion Andre Drille whipped Germinal Ballarin, 10. Wilfie Greaves stopped Cobey McCluskey, 4, to win the vacant Canadian title.
Phil Moyer outscored Ramon Fuentes, 10. Welsh champion Phil Edwards retained title by decisioning Freddie Cross, 12. Ubaldo Sacco whipped Ramon Perello, 10. Al Williams stopped Eloy Vann, 6.
Oscar Rojas kayoed Ramon Oliva, 2, and Roberto Biduzzi, 7. John (Cowboy) McCormack trounced Johnny Read, 8. Peter Mueller outpointed Domingo Mena, 10. Jean Ruellet stopped Abel Soudan, 8.
Henry Hank kayoed Sherman Williams, 1. Burke Emery outscored Ricardo King, 10. Italo Scortichini became Italian champion by outpointing Gino Rossi, 12.
Jimmy Morris defeated Rudolph Bent, 10. Hans-werner Wohlers outfought Alex Buxton, 10. Guillermo Diaz stopped Andres Gonzalez, 9. Paul Diaz whipped Julio Carreras, 10. Walter Irby beat Buddy Lee, 6, but lost to Chuck McCleary, 6, on the same night.
Al Hauser defeated Stan Michaoux, 8, but was stopped by Bobby Gordon, 10. Kid Fenton defeated Little Dynamite, 8. Joe DeNucci stopped Lee Williams, 5.
Rocky Fumerelle halted Harold Meredith, 3. Mickey Brown stopped Cut Woolwine, 3, but was kayoed by Norris Burse, 3. Juan Pomare defeated Richie Hill, 6.
Young Beau Jack defeated Johnny Fratius, 6, and Eddie Thompson, 8. Freddie Little kayoed Al McCoy, 3. Ray Lopez defeated Willie Barnes, 6. Kenny Stokes beat Gunboat Steeves, 6.
Frank Keating stopped Tommy Della Rocco, 5. Buddy Baer drew with Luis Mayarino, 6. JoJo Jordan bested Gordon Van Loo, 6. Ward Upshaw and Joe Mitchell drew, 6.
Bobby Barnes won from Cleo Zandt, 6. Joe Lissy beat Eddie Prince, 6. Benny Droll defeated Joe Lassiter, 6. Ray Sheppard and James Thomas drew, 6. Jerry Gray and Wally Johnson drew, 6.
Franco Scisciani outpunched Louis Trochon, 8. Jim Hegerle upset Ralph (Tiger) Jones, 10. Jean Ruellet scored upset in stopping Abel Soudan, 8.
Peter Muller outfought Michel Masson, 8. Allan Harmon defeated Rudolph Bent, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Vince Martinez stopped Armand Savoie, 7.
Gaspar Ortega beat Bob Torrance, 10.
Jorge Fernandez kayoed Alfonso Moreno, 1, and Adolfo Igriega, 6. Gerald Gray outpointed Jose Edwin, 10. Federick Thompson halted Santaigo Meza, 5, and Angel Bello, 8.
Stefan Redl defeated Charlie Cummings, 10. Gomeo Brennan defeated Tony DeCola, 10, and kayoed Art Finney, 2.
Armando Muniz upset middleweight Chico Vejar, 10. Baby Concer kayoed Alex Castro, 6. Adalberto Ochoa kayoed Eduardo Pereyra, 6. Ramon Paz drew with Angel Ahumada, 10.
Darby Brown stopped Billy Stanley, 9. Francisco Ciucci kayoed Jorge Gambiasso, 2. Peter Schmidt and Eddie Lynch drew, 10.
Miguel Coronado defeated Francisco Castro, 10, but lost to Dale Davis, 10. Johnny Melfah scored upset win over Boswell St. Louis, 8. Barry Allison stopped Al Marotti, 4. Guy Sumlin kayoed Joe Polance, 3. Manuel Castro won from Kanguro Martinez, 10. Cecil Courtney kayoed Eddie Duncan, 2. Octavio Salas halted Pepe Lopez, 3.
Joe Cancio defeated Manuel Gutierrez, 10. Memo Ayon defeated Al Mendoza, 10. Buddy Jackson kayoed Jerry Mortell, 5.
Denny Moyer beat Jimmy Hayes, 8. Eduardo Lozano halted Jesus Moreno, 3. Luis Rodriguez won from Tony Armenteros, 10.
Jarrel Pate kayoed Mickey Cronin, 1. Chenco Chavez kayoed Ralph Goldie, 1. Bernie Stone kayoed Mickey Ross, 3. Joe Alaniz halted Pepe Garcia, 6. Marvin Marcus bested Morris Leviege, 6.
Gene Tortorice defeated Mike Colucci, 6. Al Malone halted Regust Williams, 4. Julian Yanes stopped Juan Campoy, 5. Norm Gautreau defeated Gerry Leroux, 6. Antonio Marcilla defeated Joe Chavez, 6. Al Rose stopped Don Vincent, 3. Mickey Dwyer halted Paul Leri, 6.
Julio Romero bested Ritchie Stewart, 6. Carleton Wilson stopped Sammy Williams, 2. Bernie Raines defeated Bill Roberts, 6. Jerry Jordan stopped George Green, 2.
Marion Whitehead beat Georgie Coles, 6, and Ralph Stokes, 6. Joe Shaw bested Wes Lowery, 6. Manuel Gonzales stopped Curt Woolwine, 4. Jimmy Lane whipped Rocky Randell, 6. Curtis Cokes defeated Jimmy Leach, 6. Evie Vorster stopped Vince O'Kine, 5. Ernst Getzman became new German champion by stopping Gunter Hase, 11.
Johnny Van Rensburg won the British Empire title outpointing George Barnes, 15. Gerd Muller whipped Roger Facquer, 8.
Jo Janssens decisioned French Champion Jacques Herbillon, 10. Barry Allison defeated Pete Adams, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champion Joe Brown retained his title by halting Ralph Dupas, 8.

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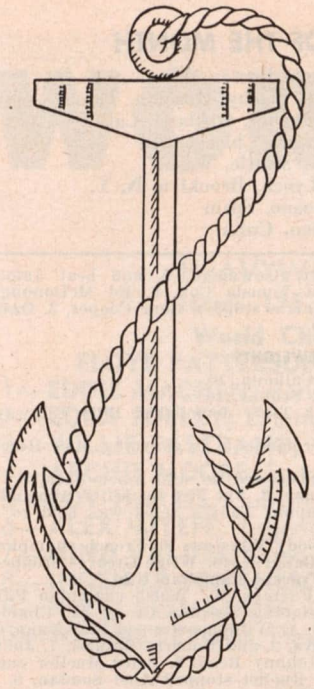


FAMOUS NAVY FIGHTERS

This Is The Second In A Series On Ringmen Who Were Developed In Our Navy And Gained Fame As Professionals

Though he could claim no Navy titles, Ken Overlin (center) was an outstanding fighter aboard the U. S. S. Idaho and later went on to win the world middleweight crown. Here in later years he visits some buddies at the Norfolk Naval Training Station while preparing for his bout with Fred Apostoli in 1942 for the Navy Relief Society.

By HEINIE MILLER

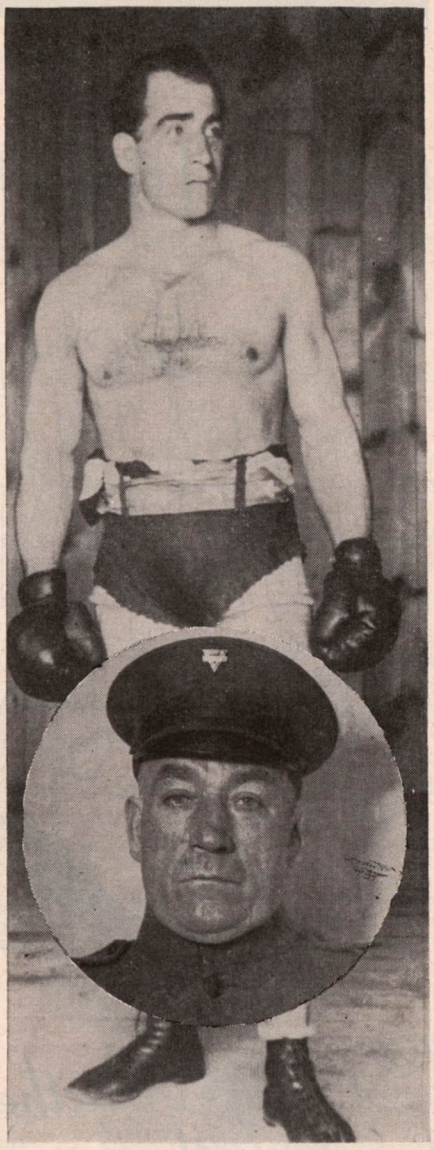
A LOT of American boys were killed in action in the last two wars because they didn't know the first rudiments of boxing. Had they taken to the sport with the enthusiasm shown by boys in the Far East after our young gobs had paved the way many years ago, they would have been well prepared for the Japanese bayonet attacks that left so many U. S. youngsters either dead on the battlefields or maimed.

For many years I served as a lecturer on boxing, a referee, promoter and teacher in the Navy and in the Marine Corps and if I had my way now that I am retired, I would advocate the adoption of a national program of boxing—professional, collegiate, amateur, high school, church, community center and boys' clubs throughout the country. Why? Because I have learned through bitter experience, after forty years of service with our armed forces, that a lad without the knowledge of simple footwork of boxing, becomes easy prey for an enemy. You can get out of the way of a bayonet thrust the same way a boxer gets out of the way of a left hook and the best way for the youth of America to learn that, since the majority under our draft law must serve some time in the armed forces, is to learn the rudiments of boxing!

That advice comes not only from me, but from two others who helped to develop lads who later in life went far in their chosen profession of boxing—Colonel Biddle and Spike Webb, Coach at Naval Academy for more than two decades. Colonel Biddle, it will be recalled, was a master of the bayonet and hand-to-hand fighting. During the last World War he taught knife fighting, judo and jiu jitsu at the Marine training station at Cherry Point.

The Navy has turned out many brilliant boxers. A number won championships in fleet competition and others went further to win world professional laurels while still others were sufficiently good to become members of our Olympic teams. In our last article, I referred to Johnny Buff, Billy Jordan and Gene Tunney. But they were only three of many more famous ringmen whose activities in boxing brought their name into sports headlines.

(Photo on left) Jack Sharkey turned pro before leaving the service and went on to win the world heavyweight title. In 1933 he revisited his old ship, the U. S. S. Denver. (Right) Tom Sharkey served aboard the U. S. S. Philadelphia, later was a top pro heavyweight. Inset shows him in YMCA uniform when he was in France during World War I. (Below) Henry Pylkowsky, better known as Eddie Babe Risko, who won middleweight title.



MICKEY O'REGAN NOW ADMIRAL, SHARKEY'S SPARMATE

As far back as the beginning of boxing in our country, we find Navy men in the fistic spotlight. Listed among the fistic celebrities are the names of Yankee Sullivan who on February 7, 1849 was whipped by Tom Hyer in our first heavyweight title match; George Gunther, and Tom Sharkey, the Sailor who fought 25 gruelling rounds with James J. Jeffries in a heavyweight title contest at Coney Island. Boxing history is replete with thrilling tales, both as civilians and as professional pugilists, of boxers who made the grade in the Navy and Marine Corps.

On the U. S. S. Denver and later on the "North Dakota", we had a fast, shifty heavyweight from Binghampton, N. Y. His name was posted on our list as Josef Paul Zukauskas. His enlistment record showed that his parents were Lithuanians.

He was a rough, tough fellow with fine fighting qualities, a gob who had no fears and was averse to being pushed around by his so-called elders. But he found his Nemesis in the person of a pudgy first class baker, Biff Crowley, who in Jack's first try for a title aboard ship was eliminated in the fleet finals. But that didn't discourage him. It made him more eager to fight and it wasn't long before those who had taken advantage of the "kid" when he first boarded our ship, were ready to admit that he carried lethal power in his fists.

On the "North Dakota," during a Midshipmen's practice cruise, Zukauskas worked out regularly with a Naval Academy youth, Midshipman Mickey O'Regan, now Admiral O'Regan. O'Regan knew boxing. He had learned a lot at the Academy and in my opinion–I refereed many of his bouts under college rules–he was one of the finest amateur boxers I have ever known. After working with O'Regan, Zukauskas, although much improved, entered the fleet championships again and once more lost to Biff Crowley.

But after leaving the service, Zukauskas took up the game professionally and you all know the story. He became one of the world's best heavyweights and succeeded in winning the world crown from Max Schmeling after losing the final elimination to Max on a foul in their previous encounter.

Who was this Zukauskas? You guessed it—Jack Sharkey, who now makes his home in Maine and is one of the world's leading flycasters–his hobby.

Jack enjoys the unique distinction of being a Navy-made fighter who won the world heavyweight diadem but failed to win on two occasions the heavyweight championship of the Fleet! However, many of his shipmates always believed that had he and Gene Tunney faced each other for the title, Jack would have emerged the victor.

HENRY PYLKOWSKI BECAME WORLD CHAMP AS BABE RISKO

From Syracuse, enlisting in the U. S. Navy, came a Polish-Lithuanian lad named Henry Pylkowski. In the Navy where he was a member of the deck force of the USS "Nevada", he took up boxing and after several years, he emerged as champion of the Scouting Atlantic Fleet. Honorably discharged, he followed boxing professionally and in 1935, he won the world middleweight crown.

Who was this sailor-fighter? None other than Eddie "Babe" Risko who won the title from Teddy Yarosz and dropped it to Freddie Steele. Risko was a handsome lad who looked much like Richard Dix, the movie star. Which reminds me that this ex-sailor was scouted several times as a movie possibility.

The U. S. S. "Idaho" was always proud of a crew member who starred in about every sport he tackled on the ship. He won his letter in baseball, football and track but proved

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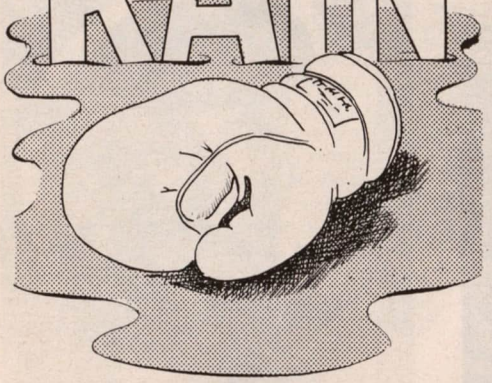
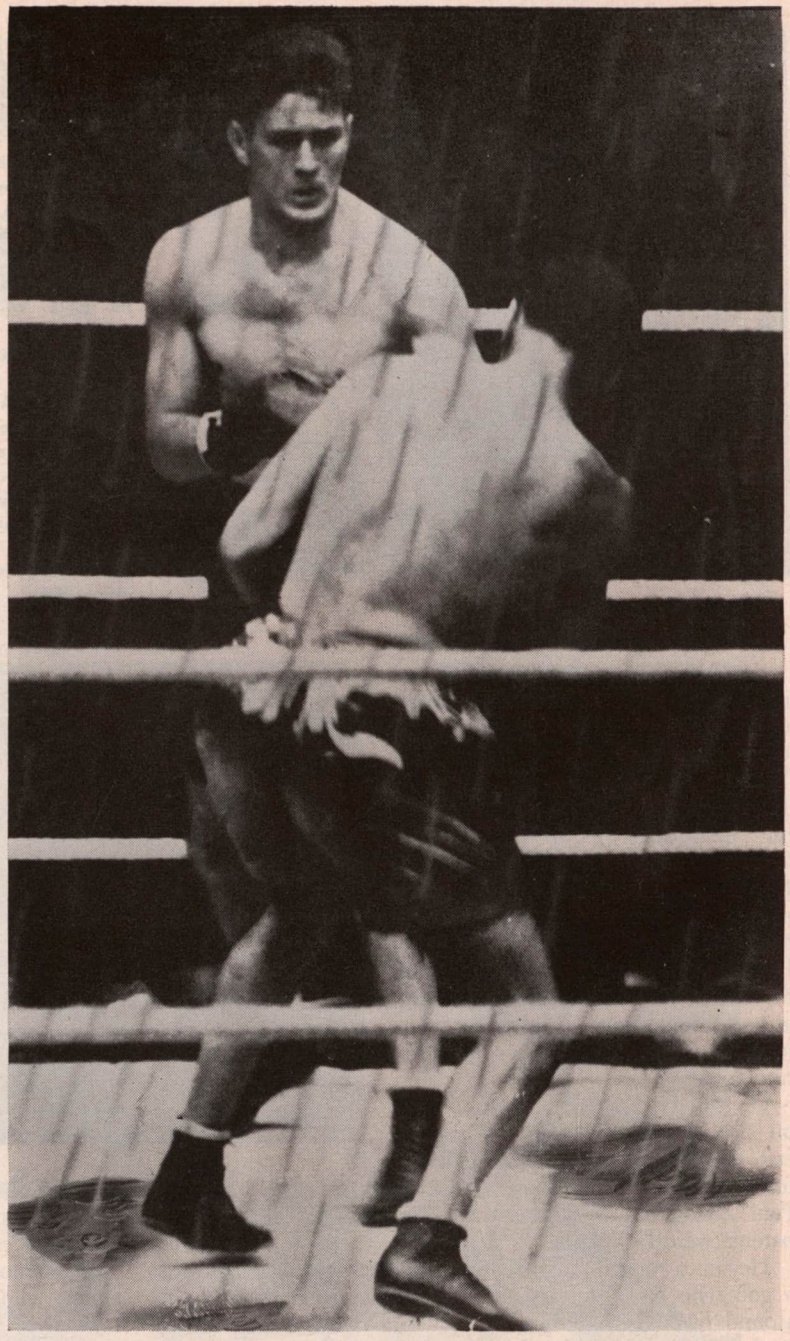
Swingin' in the RAIN



"Stormy Weather" has been theme song for many important outdoor fights.

By JERSEY JONES



After scaling championship heights by beating Jess Willard on a blazing summer afternoon in Toledo seven years before, Jack Dempsey (back to camera) lost his laurels to Gene Tunney on a miserable rainy night in Philadelphia.

HAD the recent featherweight title brawl in Los Angeles between Champion Hogan Bassey and Challenger Ricardo Moreno been held in the rain—and up to 5 o'clock the afternoon of the show the odds were that it would be—nothing unusual would have been added to ring history. Many a championship and near-championship bout has been contested amid miserable climatic conditions.

The weather represents one of the big gambles in promoting fights in open-air arenas. As a rule, rain or the imminent threat thereof results in a postponement or a series of postponements, but there are times when delays are inadvisable, as was the case with the Bassey-Moreno affair.

It was an expensive show—the gross receipts had to reach $200,000 to break even—and at noon the atrocious weather had kept the advance sale down to $150,000. The promoters figured to absorb a heavy financial loss if they went ahead on schedule. But they had no alternative. With no improvement in the weather promised for several days, a postponement would have caused an assortment of unfavorable repercussions. For one thing, there was the inconvenience to thousands of Moreno followers who had made the jaunt from Mexico for the bout. A large percentage of them were not prepared to remain in town indefinitely, and if they had to return home there was no saying how many would be able to afford the trip back to Los Angeles for the new date. Then, other outstanding local sports events were coming up—among them the well-publicized opening of Los Angeles' first major league baseball season—and that would have meant stiff competition for the patronage of the populace. Further, any postponement, or postponements, would have added more expense to the already expensive promotion.

Taking everything into consideration, it was decided to go through with the show, come what may.

As it happened, the elements relented somewhat late in the afternoon and temporarily halted the downpour, although

overcast skies continued to hover above, threatening to erupt again at any moment. Fortunately, the rain held off and a sudden massed rush of humanity on Wrigley Field saved the promotion from financial defeat. Within two hours, more than $50,000 was taken in, and the gross receipts reached a satisfying $215,000.

THAT BANGKOK EPISODE.

It was four years ago that our world tourist, Nat Fleischer, along with nearly 60,000 others, sat through a driving downpour as Jimmy Carruthers of Australia retained his world bantamweight title against Thailand's Chamrern Songkitrat in a gruelling, gory, water-soaked 12-rounder in the vast outdoor National Auditorium in Bangkok.

Fleischer has witnessed some strange scenes during his many years on the international boxing beat, but it is doubtful if he has ever experienced anything weirder than that episode in Bangkok.

It was the first championship bout held in Thailand, and the natives were hysterical with excitement over the big opportunity given their national idol, Songkitrat. From all over the land they crowded into Bangkok for the fight. Although it had been raining steadily for several days, the promoters elected to go ahead with the show rather than disappoint the thousands of visitors. The attendance was announced as 59,760.

The bout was fought in a typical tropical storm. The fighters, to insure better footing, removed their shoes and fought in their bare feet. Twice—in the third and ninth rounds—the bout was halted when overhead electric light bulbs exploded and scattered glass all over the ring. Time had to be called while the debris was swept from the canvas. The rivals had a merry time slipping and sliding on the sodden padding. In the eleventh round Carruthers lost his balance completely and fell flat on his face.

When a drenched Fleischer returned to his hotel room to dry out and write his account of the affair for The Ring, he had difficulty deciphering the notes he had penned during the fight. The paper on which they were written was soaked through and the notes had blurred into a mess of inky smears.

KETCHEL VS. THOMAS.

Somewhat similar to the Carruthers-Songkitrat episode was the third chapter of the historic four-bout series between Stanley Ketchel and Joe Thomas for the middleweight title. The fight was held in San Francisco late in 1907.

Earlier that year Ketchel and Thomas had figured in two rousing battles in California rings. The first, a 20-rounder in Marysville, ended in a draw. The second, scheduled over the marathon 45-round distance in San Francisco, resulted in a victory for Ketchel in the 32nd round. Now the rivals were meeting again, this time in another 20-rounder.

A few years ago, shortly before his passing, octogenarian Billy Roche wrote of this bout for The Ring's series of "Fights I Cannot Forget."

"In the sixty-odd years I was part of the boxing game as promoter, manager and referee," Roche reminisced. "I had seen hundreds of thrilling fights, but none to equal that Ketchel-Thomas struggle."

The scene was the old San Francisco baseball park. To insure himself against rain, Promoter Jack Gleason borrowed a huge circus tent to protect the ring and ringside seats. The lower-priced seats were located in the covered grandstand.

In the late afternoon the storm clouds gathered, and the rain began coming down as the preliminaries got under way. By the time the main event was ready, the rain had turned into a deluge.

The wiring over the ring had been done quickly and haphazardly, with ordinary incandescent lights strung here and there and attached to side poles of the tent. The fight

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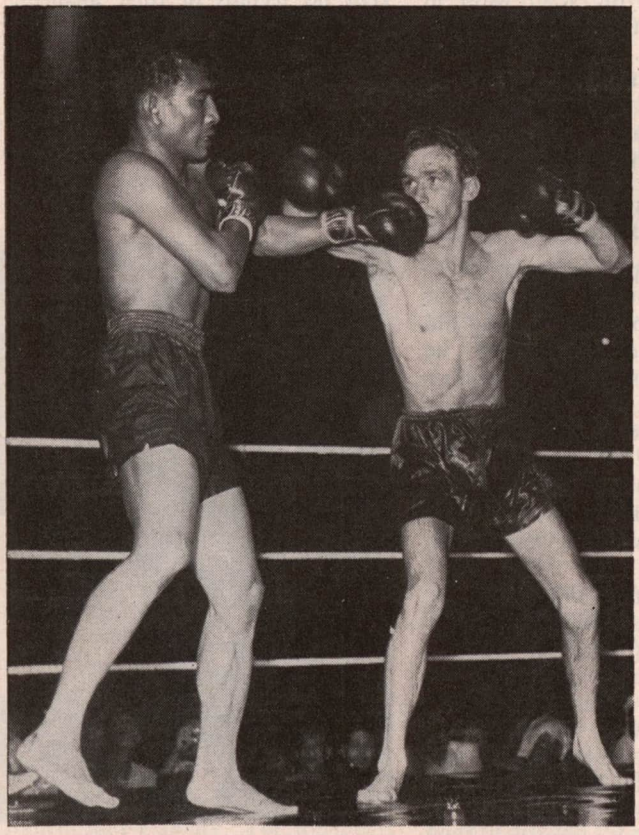
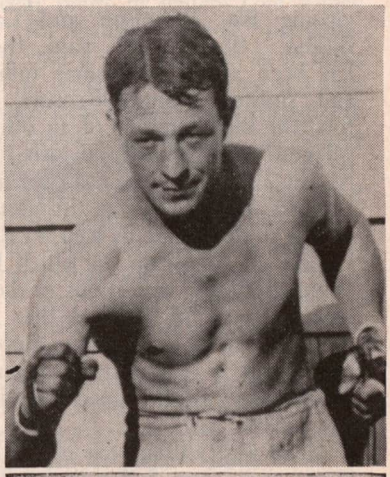


In midst of tropical storm, which shattered lights and drenched ring, Jimmy Carruthers (right) retained world bantamweight title against Chamrern Songkitrat in Bangkok. For better footing, both boys fought in bare feet.



Stanley Ketchel, whose third chapter of historic four-bout series with Joe Thomas for middleweight title was fought in San Francisco during violent storm. Ketchel, the better "mudder", won 20-round decision.

Bingo Joe Banovic, rugged light-heavyweight, who had Charley Belanger wobbling often during battle fought in steady downpour in Binghamton, but every time Belanger was in trouble the rain revived him.

CARBO CASE AROUSES NATIONAL INTEREST
NEW YORK PROSECUTOR BREAKS THE BARRIER
AMERICANS SHOVED ASIDE FOR FOREIGNERS

THE New York sports page headlines have not been good for boxing. Day after day, attention has been focused on the notorious Frankie Carbo, and District Attorney Frank A. Hogan's investigation of under cover managers, Carbo stooges and other cut rate characters.

Now and then there is a story about inactive Floyd Patterson, or a piece discussing Ray Robinson and Carmen Basilio. But, in the main, the talk has been about deleterious influences and sinister behind-the-scenes operators, the blood suckers of an otherwise splendid sport fighting valiantly to keep its just place in our recreational life.

Then, too, there was the attack on boxing in the House by Rep. F. Edward Hebert, of Louisiana, in which he exposed the rotten conditions in the fight business with the demand that "Congress put an end to the monopolistic blood suckers who control boxing the shake-down way—the muscle-in-way—the 'pay or else' way."

There was nothing new in any of the items that close followers of boxing haven't heard frequently. For many years we've known of the bad influence Carbo and his stooges have had on boxing.

The same is true of the situation "exposed" by Congressman Hebert. The boxing authorities have been aware of their existence; the boxing writers time and again have called attention to them. Crime Commissions and the New York, California and Pennsylvania boxing moguls, despite long, "investigations," have failed to weed out the undesirables.

The licenses of a few were revoked, but they found haven in all parts of the country other than the State in which the revocation took place. Lack of cooperation, the urge to obtain a lucrative match both for publicity purposes and the business a commission can bring to its merchants through a match of national prominence, have been the chief causes for bringing boxing into the mire.

Those handling the legal whip in attempting to uncover the culprits have got nowhere. Why? Because those who are most concerned, have failed to in their duty to themselves and the sport to present the evidence that would face a house-cleaning.

HOGAN'S INVESTIGATION HAS MANAGERS JUMPY

The foremost topic in boxing circles is the investigation of the sport by New York's District Attorney. With the aid of investigators and tapped wires, he has made discoveries such as no previous administration has accomplished and the outlook for boxing's future appears brighter.

Reading the daily reports in the press brought back to mind the extended hearings of the New York Commission three years ago.

One must remember that a commission does not possess the power to indict. It can only suspend or revoke a license and pass on to the district attorney such of its evidence which the commission regards as a lead for an indictment. I was interested in the decision rendered by Chairman Julius Helfand on December 12, 1955, following hearings of which more than 1000 pages of sworn testimony was taken in "An inquiry into Alleged Irregularities in the Conduct of Boxing in New York State." Among other things, the following was particularly noted:

A number of managers testified as to their long association and friendship with Frankie Carbo. On this point the decision reads:

"It is significant and worthy of comment that these very managers who admitted intimate friendship with Carbo, kept no records of their finances, no bank accounts and did business strictly on a cash basis."

The decision also said:

"A flagrant violation of the laws of New York was manifested. Section 17, sub-division (b) of the Laws of New York, Laws of 1920, Chapter 912 as

Truman K. Gibson, Jr., seen with his wife and daughter Karen after being chosen to succeed James D. Norris as head of the International Boxing Club of New York.

amended, makes it a punishable act for any licensee of the Commission to associate or consort with known criminals. Here the sinister and shadowy figure of the notorious Frankie Carbo emerged. Perhaps one of the most elusive personalities in the field of boxing, Carbo has an extensive criminal record. A number of Guild managers admitted under oath long association with Carbo, but denied that they knew what his business was or even where he could be found. They displayed a remarkable and singular ignorance of Carbo's activities."

It was this report of the New York Commission that caused several U. S. agencies to get into action on boxing's grave problems.

Julius Hefland, Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, who has battled nefarious characters in boxing since he first took office.

It is interesting to note that a number of those whose licenses were revoked or temporarily suspended, are now the subject of investigation by District Attorney Hogan. It is fervently hoped that Hogan's investigation will break the barrier and bring about the elimination from boxing of the sinister characters responsible for its present condition.

FOREIGN IMPORTATIONS FAIL TO EXCITE AMERICAN FANS

The importation of foreign fighters continues despite the fact that the percentage of top performers in Europe is exceedingly small. There are many American boxers who could be used to good advantage if given the opportunity, but they are being shunted into the background while ordinary talent from overseas, British, French and Italian pugilists, are given the plums to the exclusion of the American lads who are their superiors.

With the exception of about a handful of foreign importations, boys from the American continent in almost every division, excel boxers from overseas. But they cannot get the breaks for appearances in TV bouts. The foreigners get the big dough. American boxers have demonstrated their superiority over their overseas brethren on many occasions during the past few months. They have collected good fees for their performances in Europe but prefer to box in their own country when given the opportunity.

Aside from Bassey, Halimi, Hamia and Godih, the foreigners who have been brought to our shores to shunt American talent to the sidelines in TV bouts have failed to arouse sufficient interest to help bolster the sport.

Let's give American youngsters now coming along an opportunity to get some of the TV gravy. It is a good idea to bring foreigners into the picture but before they are permitted to be seen on television, they should prove their worth in U.S. against our talent. Many U. S. youngsters have given years to boxing but, though well primed for TV appearances, due to inadequate connections, have been shunted to the sidelines to make way often for inferior presentations.

We are in a depression in our country. Let's follow the advice of President Eisenhower and give work wherever possible to boys living in America.

WITHOUT TAX PROBLEM BRITISH BOXING THRIVES

About a year ago, the Chancellor of the Exchequer in Great Britain took the entertainment tax off professional sports. Boxing was back in business after it was close to the point of extinction. Promotions were folding; managers were forced into temporary retirement; most of the leading fighters were driven into other occupations. Even Jack Solomons, king of the European promoters, was about to toss in the sponge after heavy losses.

British boxing has come into its own again. Many organizations have reopened their doors and promoters have had no difficulty filling their arenas by featuring their home-bred talent. More fights, many new faces and good turnouts have revived boxing.

The lifting of the tax has not brought a flood of boxers of championship potential, but it has enabled promoters to carry on, has revived national interest in the sport and has brought about the development of much new talent. Olympic flyweight champion Terry Spinks with an excellent string of victories; Ron Redrup, Olympic cruiserweight; George Bowes, West Hartlepool bantam and Terry Downes who as a U. S. Marine won several amateur and service championships prior to returning to his home in London, are among those who have been helped by the new order. But for the revival of pro boxing due to the tax relief, they probably would have sought to earn a living in another field than in professional boxing, but today they are top British attractions.

With the elimination of the tax, promoters Solomons and Harry Levine, his chief rival, have found it convenient to pit British headliners against our top ranking men. The Americans have been paid well for their services and the promoters have cashed in on the international bouts which in most cases, have resulted in the defeat of boxers from the British Isles.

Francis (Frank) Carbo, mystery man of boxing, often accused but to date nothing has been proved against "Mr. Grey" of the fistic world.

PATTERSON HAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM CONTENDERS

Recent bouts in which Zora Folley drew with Eddie Machen, and Nino Valdes won a split decision over Mike De John, were convincers that if Floyd Patterson were permitted to engage any of the rated heavyweights, he would have no difficulty retaining his crown.

The more one sees in action, those ranked as contenders for the heavyweight crown, the more he must be convinced that the champion, Patterson, is the class of the division, a fighter capable of eliminating all opposition. That's the reason fight fans are so eager to have Floyd's manager, Cus D'Amato, abandon his present freeze and let Floyd get into action. Machen, Folley, Pastrano, Roy Harris, Valdes, De John—there isn't one in the field who at this stage stands a chance of dethroning Patterson. But the longer Cus waits, the stronger the opposition will get.

N.B.A. WITHDRAWS FROM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The decision of the National Boxing Association to withdraw from the World Boxing Championship Committee is to be regretted. Internal dissension, brought about by the refusal of the NBA to back the Massachusetts Commission in its stand on the De Marco-Akins "title" bout and the

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By FRED EISENSTADT

JOHNNY BUSSO MAKING HEADWAY

(Left) Johnny and his pert wife Roslyn. (Above), Roslyn with Johnny's mother left and her mother Mrs. Marcaluso right. These photos were taken at their engagement party and shower.

IN one of the most savagely-fought ring battles in years, Johnny Busso halted the courageous Larry Boardman in the ninth round in Boston . . . on April 11. During this sock and rock imbroglio they took turns in staggering each other with powerful punches to the head.

Boardman, a durable young lightweight with a knockout wallop, had Busso on the canvas in one round, but Johnny sent Larry down seven times. When Busso had his blond rival helpless on the ropes, raining devastating blows on his unprotected jaw, the referee wisely stopped the fight.

"It was my second victory over Boardman," Busso opined at Stillman's Gym, where he does most of his training. *"About a year ago I beat him in ten rounds in Boston. There I also dropped him two or three times—but couldn't finish him. Somehow I felt that we should fight again. Well, we met, and I did it."*

That Johnny has been improving steadily is substantiated by his winning over some of the best in his division. Early in his professional career—which started on Dec. 4, 1952—he trounced Earl Dennis, Frank Ippolito, Federico Escalero and Bernie Lynn twice each. Johnny likes to make doubly sure he is an opponent's master.

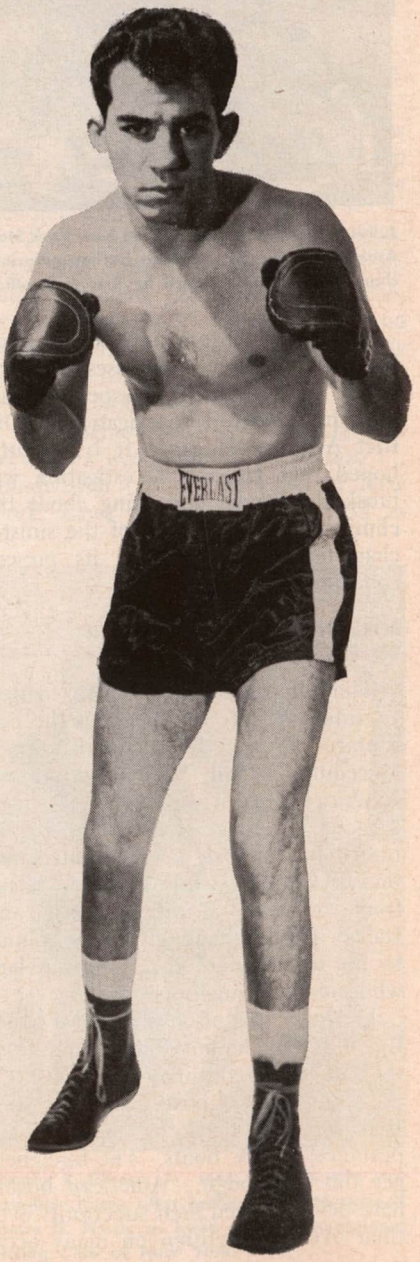
Later on he chalked up victories over Johnny Lissy, Rocky Randell, Dennis Pat Brady, Orlando Zulueta, Johnny Di Gilio and Tommy Salem. In 1957, Busso dropped a duke to Bobby Courchesne and a close one to the highly ranked Ralph Dupas. But he won three contests, one of his victims being Gale Kerwin, who has been going great guns.

"If Kerwin wants another crack at me to get even," suggested Busso, *"I would be happy to oblige. I hate to blow my own horn, but I wanna say that I'm ready for anybody in my division. I know that I'm boxing better, hitting sharper and harder than ever before.*

"I'm serious about my career in boxing," added the youngster, whose full name is John Thomas Busso. He was born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on June 4, 1934, but was reared on New York's East Side. *"I train hard and try to learn something every day."* Johnny gives full credit to trainer Chickie Ferrara, saying, *"He taught me all I know about boxing."*

With a smile he admitted that in grade school he was full of mischief. *"Around the house too. But,"* he hastened to add, *"I wasn't a bad kid, you understand. Maybe a little wild—just fooling around. But never was I what you'd call a problem to my parents."*

Johnny, who has one brother, Tommy, 21, quit Seward Park high school in the last term to work with his father, a button jobber. His father's name is Joseph, his mother's Josephine. The couple have been married 28 years. *"My father has seen all but one of my fights,"* said Busso, putting on his socks.



(Left) Johnny and Roslyn smile happily during their honeymoon trip in 1956. (Above) Johnny's father and mother Joseph and Josephine. (Right) "that old gang of mine", Johnny and a group of his pals from the East Side of New York City.

"That was my first bout with Boardman. My father was in the hospital and saw it on TV. But he was with me when I boxed in Tampa, Houston, Boston and Miami."

Busso drew on his first pair of boxing gloves at the age of ten, at the Madison Square Boys Club Camp, in Brewster, N. Y. There he competed in a series of kid contests, boxing with boys his own weight, 90 pounds. He liked the sport, so—at the age of 17—he entered the Golden Gloves. That was in June, 1952. He won four of five bouts, scoring three knockouts. Later that year, at 18, Busso entered the professional ranks. Of his 30 pro fights he has won 32, reversing two of his losses.

He turned pro on December 4th and scored six straight decision wins, all over the four round route. In his first six rounder he stopped Frankie Ippolito in the fifth round. This started a string of four straight kayos before being held to a draw by Frederico Escalero.

In his next fight Johnny suffered his initial loss when Tommy Marciano gained a four round decision over him.

Johnny then turned in two quick kayos, was rematched with Marciano and in a thrilling slugging match halted him in the fifth round. Five more wins, two by knockouts, followed.

It was at the Fort Hamilton Bowl in Brooklyn that Johnny made his debut as a main event fighter, taking an eight round decision over Bernie Lynn. He next stopped Frederico Escalero, who had held him to a draw.

In a Garden semi-final against the crafty veteran Dennis Pat Brady, Johnny appeared to be on his way to an easy victory, but he was too inexperienced for the clever boxer, and Brady gave him a boxing lesson over the closing rounds.

In February of 1955 Busso regained his winning way with a six round kayo over Cortez Jackson. Against Gene Poirer, for two rounds these two lads put on a slam-bang fight. Then suddenly in the third round, Poirer landed a terrific left hook to the jaw, sending Busso tumbling backwards to the canvas. Johnny lay stunned, then gamely tried to rise, but he was unable to beat the count.

Laying off six months, Busso returned with a decision win over Johnny Lissy. Then on a trip to Florida, the first time he boxed outside of New York, he looked impressive stopping Rocky Randell and gained revenge by whipping Brady. He then defeated Ippolito in a semi-final at the Garden, and followed by turning in a shocking upset over Orlando Zulueta in a main bout at St. Nick's. His next fight with DiGilio in the Garden saw him take a beating early, come off the deck and stopped his man in the sixth round.

"My mother doesn't care about my fighting," disclosed Johnny. *"But she gradually has become reconciled to it. She goes to church with my wife and prays that I come out of my fights unhurt."*

Busso was married on June 28, 1956, to Roslyn Macaluso, a bright and attractive girl he's known since childhood. The young couple get along first rate. *"Because we know each other so well."* Johnny stood before the mirror, combing his black, wavy hair. *"We're anxious to raise a family."*

Before entering the Armed Service in 1958, Johnny lost a ten-round decision in the Garden to Paolo Rosi. It was a vigorously-contested scrap, and many were of the opinion that the verdict was given to the wrong man.

He was honorably discharged from the Army after but one month in the service. *"I don't know exactly why."* Busso shrugged. *"And I didn't ask any questions."*

Johnny said Boardman gave him his toughest fight. *"Larry is one of the nicest guys I ever met. Quiet and a gentlemen—a hell of a good puncher. He's too easy to hit, though, and too game for his own good."*

Johnny's brother Tommy made an attempt to become a boxer. But after one fight in the Golden Gloves abandoned the idea and decided to become a trainer instead. He's preparing a few kids for the ring.

Johnny, who is 5-foot-8½ inches tall, usually scales around 140 pounds—but he says he can make the lightweight limit easily. He has shown in the Garden five times in satisfactory battles. Busso is under the management of Nunzio DeLucca.

"Yeah, I like to fight out-of-town," Johnny answered the question while lacing his shoes. *"Because I enjoy traveling. Especially by plane."*

The boxer and his charming young wife live in a comfortable 3-room apartment in Astoria, Long Island. They like going out on occasions, for walks, to shows, movies, visiting. *"But I like staying home too, because I enjoy playing records on my Hi-Fi set. My favorite music?* Well—" he hesitated and grinned shyly. *"It's rock an' roll. I have 600 records,"* Johnny said. *"Yeah, that's right. Some 600 of 'em."*

In the ring Johnny rocks 'em and when he hits them right, rolls 'em on the canvas. He has a pair of fast legs and fists that punch rapidly and hard. His jab is sharp and has jarring qualities; his hook can drop a man and at times keep him down for the full count.

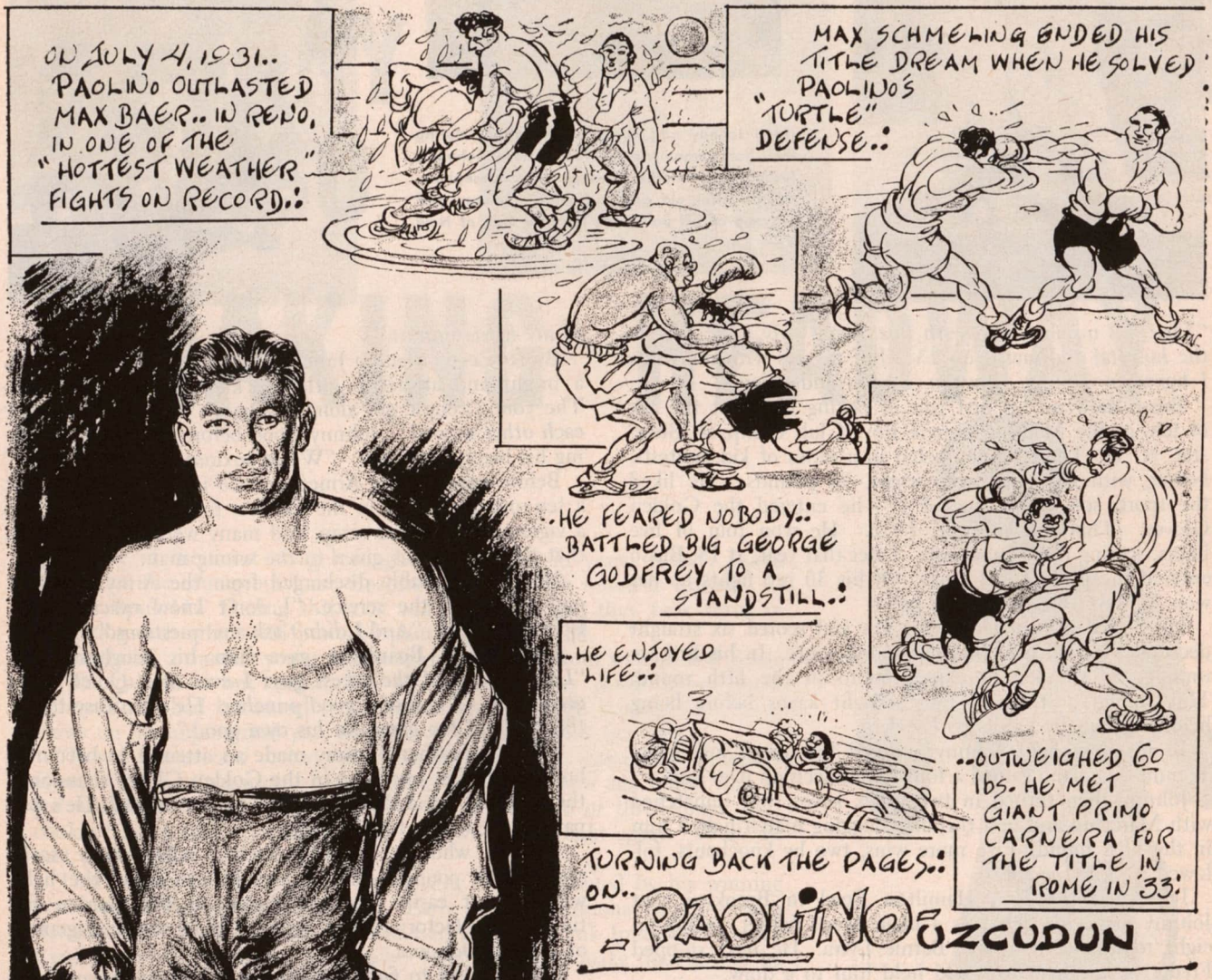
When Johnny's right finds the spot, his opponent will wake up on his back. He's able to put combinations together, is an effective infighter and is neither afraid nor unable to take a crushing wallop.

In fact, when hurt, he is spurred to fight with greater fury. But not to the point of losing his head.

Is Busso truly a championship possibility? Ask the Stillman's gym habitues. They know. And they nod, *"Yeah!"*

PAOLINO JULY 4th HERO

By TED CARROLL



BACK in the days before July the Fourth became a mad scramble to the countryside by city folk, and into the city by country cousins, all seemingly under the delusion that to be found at home on this fiesta was treason, the great American holiday was an occasion for gala displays of fireworks, much of it of the fistic variety.

In this era of excursioning, the idea of big time boxing on July fourth seems sacrilegious but in days of yore, Independence Day was a big day in pugilism.

Quite often the temperature was even hotter than the action in the ring, as on that searing day when Jack Dempsey ushered in a fistic era by slaughtering hulking Jess Willard in 1919, in what is labelled "The Massacre of Maumee Bay".

Not as legendary in ring lore, but held in an even more torrid temperature, was the gruelling twenty round struggle between the up-and coming young Max Baer, and the Man of Iron from the Pyrenees, Paolino Uzcudun, in Reno, Nevada, on July 4, 1931, promoted and refereed by Dempsey.

A holiday to the rest of the nation, July 3, 1923 was a day of debacle for Shelby, Mont., after Dempsey and

Gibbons fought there to the acute financial distress of the small mining town. A bank failure followed in the wake of this sunscorched spectacle which cost the hapless promoters some $200,000.

The handful of customers in Chicago's small Bacon Arena may not have realized it at the time, but they were in on the dawning of a new fistic era when somber Joe Louis disposed of Jack Kracken in the first minute on July 4, 1934.

RING GREATS OF PAST NEVER MISSED "FOURTH"

Few of the great names of the past missed a Fourth of July showing, Stanley Ketchell, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, Benny Leonard, Abe Attell, Freddy Welsh, Packy MacFarland, Harry Greb, Mike Gibbons, Jeff Smith, Lew Tendler, Jack Dillon, Willie Ritchie, Jack Johnson, Tommy Burns, Ad Wolgast, Jack Britton, all were part of Independence Day celebrations in their careers.

It was on July 4, 1908, that tough Battling Nelson, took the lightweight title from Joe Gans by a seventeen round kayo in San Francisco.

The last two Fourth of July fights of any moment had Max Baer as a participant. In 1931, he was outlasted by the durable Paolino in Reno, and in 1932, over the same twenty round distance, in the same place, he beat King Levinsky, who in those days was no joke as a fighter, but a good tough hitter.

That old Uzcudun, the "Basque Woodchopper", should have figured in, and won, one of the most trying tests among modern fights makes sense, as he was one of the toughest men who ever stepped into a ring. Shielding his natural equipment of corrugated ribs and steel chin behind a barricade of elbows folded across his face in turtle like fashion, Paolino was hard to hit and harder to hurt.

Short as heavyweights go, he was pug-nosed, wide faced, broad shouldered, black haired and bull necked. He got around quite well for one of his stocky stature, and was always pressing forward.

Starting out in his native Spain as a wrestler, he turned fighter in the wake of the World War One interest in boxing then sweeping Europe, in the early Twenties. Paolino proved too tough, strong and tireless, for the crop of continental tyros. Phil Scott was an early kayo victim and Paolino soon established himself as the best heavyweight in Europe.

After a fruitless stopover in Buenos Aires, where he had gone with the idea of inveigling, fat, prosperous, and retired Luis Angel Firpo into a match with him, he turned up in the States in 1927 under the banner of Franco-American boxing man Bertys Perry, and wrestling showman Al Mayer.

Mayer was a ballyoo man of the old school. He first tried to sell the rough-hewn Spaniard as a reformed Bull fighter, then appropriated the nickname of Borotra, famed French tennis player of those days, the "Bounding Basque" for his iron-bound battler.

TOUGH RISKO HAS INDIAN SIGN ON ROUGH BASQUE

Paulino was more than just a tough guy. He had a good left hook and bulled his way through a list of the likes of Otto Von Porat, Tom Heeney, Jack Renault, Romero-Rojas, Knute Hansen, K. O. Christner, and archaic Harry Wills, who disintegrated in the third round in Brooklyn's Ebbetts Field in 1927.

One man the Basque couldn't fathom was tough Johnny Risko, dropping a couple of decisions to the Rubber Man. Canny, gnome-like Charley Goldman, already recognized as one of the most astute trainers about, recently revealed the reason for Risko's success with Paolino. He said:—

"Paolino was hard to beat because he had a trick of getting down low, under the other fellow in close, and setting him back on his heels by pushing forward. He was short and strong and he was getting away with this against taller guys.

"But Risko was short, too, and just as strong, so we told Johnny that no matter how low Paolino got he was to get even lower, and push just as hard. They looked like a couple of guys looking for something on the floor most of the time, but Risko got lower and Paolino couldn't do anything about his own trick, so Johnny won both times."

Paolino made one of his best fights far from the city of New York where he was most familiar. This was against George Godfrey in Los Angeles on Feb. 2, 1928. The Basque was outweighed forty-four pounds and dwarfed by the giant Godfrey. California fans had nothing but sympathy for the sawed-off Spaniard when the men squared off, but got the surprise of their lives when the rugged Paolino, showing startling strength and stamina, bulled the bigger man about the ring for the entire distance.

Loud were the roars of disapproval when Referee George Blake's decision went to the "Leiperville Shadow." The violent protests were led by thousands of madly cheering Mexicans who made up most of the 40,000 patrons who jammed Wrigley Field and set a Coast record for those times by paying $125,000 to see the men in action. Paolino's purse, $37,800, was one of his best.

Although he lost, this showing against the gargantuan Godfrey enhanced Paolino's prestige to considerable degree.

"FOUL DEFEAT" BY DELANEY HAD TINGE OF HOOEY

Another Paolino loss was at the hands of Jack Delaney—or more properly at the hands of Delaney's manager Pete Reilly—at the Polo Grounds in the summer of 1927. The stylish Delaney, having a hard time with the pressing Paolino, suddenly was seen to stop, clutch his middle and limp painfully to his corner.

A few seconds later, Manager Reilly centered himself in the ring, madly waving a battered protector as evidence of his man's having been fouled. While the sleight-of-hand necessary in removing the cup without disturbing Delaney's trunks mystified observers, Delaney's foul claim was upheld by perplexed referee Jim Crowley. This "loss" however, hurt Paolino's case but little.

By 1929, Paolino had battled his way into a spot where he and Max Schmeling were tapped to meet in a heavyweight elimination contest, the winner to meet Jack Sharkey for the heavyweight title vacated by Gene Tunney.

While Paolino had few physical weaknesses, he did have a failing for fast cars, driven at breakneck speed and occupied by gay company.

He was no stay-at-home and sometimes strayed off the reservation of strict training regimen. A garish, gold-toothed grin lit up an amiable personality, and he was a jolly companion.

Schmeling and Paolino met in Yankee Stadium on June 27, 1929 before 65,000 who paid $378,000 in a match staged by the Hearst Milk Fund and the Garden.

The German was favored and won handily easily penetrating his opponent's shell-like defense. For the first time the rugged Uzcudun was hard put to last the limit, tiring perceptibly toward the end of the fifteen rounder. An elbow injury suffered in training also hampered his efforts.

This was the high-water mark of the Basque's American campaign, although he remained a tough man and a real handful for any aspiring heavyweight for some time thereafter.

He turned back Baer in the previously mentioned broiling battle in Reno, but by 1932 ring rust was beginning to corrode the Iron Man of the Pyrennees.

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WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

by JOE SMITH

Shaw AFB boxing coach Don "Perpetual Motion" Morrison and Young Otto "mix it up a bit" for the benefit of the Shaw boxing team. Watching the action are team members (l. to r.) Rafael Rossi, Brooklyn, N. Y., Lieut. Rufus Memory, Clarkton, N. C., team officer-in-charge, Henry Godbold, Brooklyn, N. Y., James Ester, Flint, Mich., and Charles Bennett, Steubenville, Ohio.

BOXING Great Spends Time as Air Force Tutor . . . Shaw AFB, S. C. "Young Otto knocked out 16 opponents in succession, all in less than one minute each. Total elapsed time for all 16 bouts 14 minutes and 18 seconds."

Young Otto, whose real name is Arthur Susskind, was recently a visitor at Shaw AFB and spent his time coaching the local boxers. A trim, grey-haired man of 71, Susskind still retains his fighting weight of 145.

Technical Sgt. Don Morrison, Shaw's regular coach and a bantamweight star in the amateur ranks, testified to his ability as a coach by saying, "I learned more from Young Otto in one afternoon than I have learned in my whole career."

Visiting his son, Maj. Harold A. Susskind of the 9th Air Force, the former fistic great decided to spend his afternoons with Shaw's team. He has passed on to the local mittmen some of the wisdom gained in 50 years with the ring pastime, as a fighter, referee and judge.

As a professional fighter, he hung up a record of 16 straight knockouts in the first round in 1905. In 20 years of boxing he set another record that is unlikely to be surpassed; 45 first round kayoes in more than 300 fights.

Young Otto has another son Arthur Susskind Jr., who is with Jimmy Powers on NBC-TV (Friday night fights).

ROY HARRIS, CUT AND SHOOT

Ft. Sill, Okla. . . . Roy Harris, who is a contender for Floyd Patterson's world heavyweight crown, is currently involved in solving combat methods of another type here.

The fighting school teacher from Cut and Shoot, Texas, undefeated in 22 professional fights, has finished up his Army service as assistant executive officer of B Btry., 602nd FA Bn. with the rank of lieutenant.

Although most of his time is consumed by Army duty and study, he has kept up a training schedule that will enable him to return to fighting shape shortly after discharge.

"Of course it will take me a little time to be ready for a big fight," remarked the contender, "and I'd want at least two regular bouts or exhibitions before I'd be ready to go after Patterson. . . . I would like to fight him toward the end of the summer though. I'll be ready for him then."

Harris, who will be 25 in June, won ten of his 22 fights by knockouts.

A graduate of Sam Houston State College, Harris teaches fourth and fifth graders in a rural school near Cut and Shoot when not fighting.

CHIISAI BOXING TOURNAMENT

Yokohama, Japan. . . . More than 25 youngsters converged on Yokohama's Fryar Gym in response to Army Sergeant Thomas L. Johnson's call for registrants for a "Chiisai" boxing tournament to be held here.

"Chiisai" the Japanese word for "small" was decided upon for the name of the tournament because it will be open to dependent boys (between the ages of 3 to 15 years) of military personnel residing in the Regional Camp Yokohama area.

Sergeant Johnson gave birth to the idea of a tournament while watching a group of youngsters in judo class being conducted in Fryar Gym, where he serves as non-commissioned officer in charge.

"I saw a lot of spirited youngsters working out," the sergeant said, "and the idea of a boxing tournament seemed like a natural."

The idea became an obsession with the sergeant when further questioning disclosed that a youngster's boxing tournament had never been held by the Army in Japan.

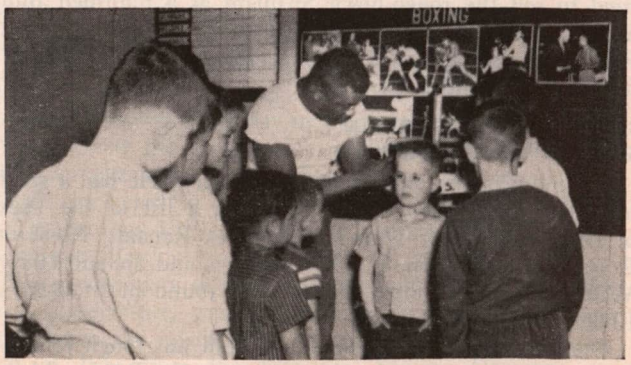
Getting the parents "on his side" was Johnson's first obstacle. "The fathers were easy. The mothers were the ones I had to convince.

"I won them over when I explained the advantages to the kids. Self-confidence, conditioning and the good sportsmanship that can be bred.

"The clincher," Sergeant Johnson smiled, "came when I explained that the kids can't be hurt with the big gloves they'll be using."

Sergeant Johnson will hold training sessions for a two week period at Fryar Gym. At the end of that time he will match youngsters by weights and sizes, taking into consideration age differentials.

The date of the tournament has not been set as of yet, at the time of going to press.



"Chiisai" hopefuls wait their turn as Master Sergeant Thomas L. Johnson, Regional Camp Yokohama boxing coach, weighs five year old Jackie Ray, Jr., in at a flat 43-pounds to qualify him in the "fleaweight" division. Boys between the ages of 3 to 15 years are eligible.

Tatsuo Shimoda (left), reknowned Japanese sports writer and boxing coach presents Army Master Sergeant Thomas L. Johnson, well known Far East boxing coach with a miniature replica of a "ring" in appreciation of Johnson's efforts as instructor to Keio (Tokyo, Japan) University boxing team. The editor and publisher of The Ring Magazine, Nat Fleischer, also received a similar gift for his "friendly, unselfish efforts in the promotion of Japanese boxing."

FLEISCHER HONORED

Nat Fleischer, long associated with the boxing world and internationally known editor of The Ring Magazine, and Army Master Sergeant Thomas Johnson, outstanding Regional Camp Yokohama ring coach, whose name is synonymous with Far East boxing, were each honored with a plaque presented by a Yomiuri Press boxing writer for their "friendly, unselfish efforts in the promotion of Japanese boxing."

Tatsu Shimoda, a 30 year friend of Fleischer's and recent coach of the Keio University boxing team, presented Sergeant Johnson a miniature, gold plated ring and combination jewelry box for his help and benefit of experience given to the university boxing team.

A similar gift was sent to Mr. Fleischer, which is now on display at the offices of The Ring Magazine.

Shimoda, with a 35 year background in the boxing field, had been top choice by university officials to coach their school team. Looking for an "able assistant", he recalled Sergeant Johnson's recent efforts with a young Japanese professional he helped climb the comeback trail to become third ranking bantamweight here. The Army Sergeant eagerly accepted the Shimoda's request.

"Sergeant Johnson has been a tremendous help and influence to the team," Shimoda stated flatly, "we hope to have him back when school vacation is over.

"It was a pleasure working with another who loves the sport of boxing as much as I. His amiability and experienced attitude impressed every member of the team."

MARINE AND ARMY WRESTLERS

Twenty-four Marine and six Army grapplers were selected by their respective services to compete in the National AAU Senior Wrestling championships held at San Francisco, Calif.

The first three days of the meet were devoted to freestyle wrestling and the final day to Greco-Roman.

The winners of this meet were eligible to compete against the Russian freestylers, which was held recently.

Army grapplers, selected on the basis of their records in service and interservice competition are:

114 lbs. Danny Carey, Ft. Lee, Va.; 136 lbs. Linn L. Long, Ft. Wood, Mo.; 157 lbs. Lawrence M. Forncola, Ft. Lee; 160 lbs. Larry Ten Pas, Ft. Sheridan, Ill., and Douglas M. Blulaugh, West Point, N. Y.; 174 lbs. Donald Wem, Ft. Campbell, Ky.

The Leatherneck matmen were selected on the basis of their standing in the All-Marine championships held at Camp Pendleton, Calif. The top three finishers in each weight class were chosen for the AAU meet.

Marines selected to compete in the Nationals (in order of their finish in the All-Marine tourney) were:

114 lbs. James A. Miller, Cherry Point MCAS, N. C.; Norman M. Codner, Camp Lejeune, N. C.; Terrance M. Tiernan, Camp Pendleton; 125 lbs. Ethelbert Corr, FMFPac; Manford D. Crawford and John R. Belz, Camp Pendleton; Edwin G. Corr, FMFPac.

147 lbs. Frank J. Belz and George W. Tucker, Camp Pendleton; Paul Bravo, FMFPac; 160 lbs. Earle W. Perillo and John W. Libby, FMFPac; Charles L. Hall, Camp Lejeune; 174 lbs. Melvin E. Judkins and John R. Bell, Camp Pendleton; Howard R. George, Camp Lejeune.

191 lbs. Verlin F. Gabel and Harold H. Broughton, Camp Pendleton; Curtis A. Belmont, FMFPac; Unlimited William Frank Jr., FMFPac; Richard N. Williams, Cherry Point MCAS; and Jerry R. Ledin, Camp Pendleton.

Broughton was named coach of the squad and Ethelbert Carr assistant coach.

BASE NOTES

Another John L. Sullivan, in boxing; this one is a Ft. Ord, Calif., lightweight, and he has won the Wisconsin State championship for three straight years.

Outstanding bonebender is Lee Dale Allen, with the 7th Army in Germany. Bantamweight 1956 Olympic wrestler, Allen has a record of 290 wins compared to 13 losses.

The 1955 All-Navy middleweight boxing champ, Bob Epperson, now throws leather for the Michigan State boxing squad.

Little Rock AFB, Ark. . . . Winner of the 1912 Olympic welterweight wrestling title, and still active in judo and wrestling after 46 years of competition and coaching, Roy H. "Pop" Moore, Sr., served two countries in the world games.

Twenty years after he helped the U. S. team to the overall team title in Stockholm, Sweden, he returned as coach of the first wrestling entry from Japan.

Although he officially retired in 1953, the 65-year-old ex-champ has since coached Air Force teams in judo competition and this year was director of the Second Air Force judo meet here. He holds the rank of a third degree black belt judoist.

Harlow "Willie" Wilson, heavyweight terror of the Pearl Harbor Navy squad, won the Oahu Open AAU wrestling crown by pinning four opponents in one day. Willie, a 285-pound mite, used less than six minutes for the first three.

Dace Sotelo at El Toro MCAS, Calif., is a Marine sage who was St. Paul, Minn., Golden Gloves champion with a string of 16 victories at the age of 15; at 16, in 1951, he was a finalist at the Chicago Tournament of Champions.

Sotelo's defeat in the Chicago finals was at the hands of Nate Brooks, now at Schofield Barracks, T. H.

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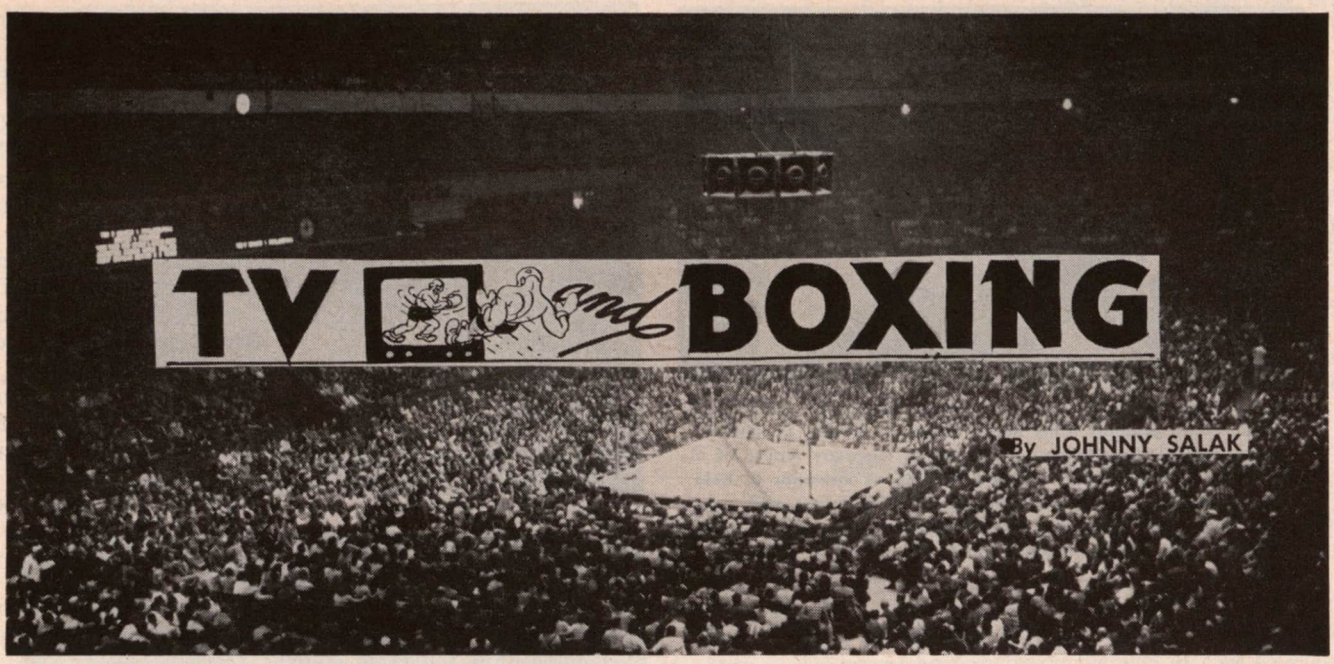

TV and BOXING

By JOHNNY SALAK

EXACTLY how free of commercials would pay-TV be once it got a foothold in your door, or, to be more precise, a hand on your TV dial and in your pocket?

That is the $64 question stumping the experts and is a point that certainly needs clear defining and careful watching if and when the day ever arrives when we start paying directly for our TV shows, instead of indirectly. As we all are, through the price of the product which is sponsoring the program.

No one will ever get this corner to believe that there is such a thing as free television in the sense that a kind-hearted big businessman is giving away something for nothing out of the goodness of his heart. Though many have tried, including the sometimes gentle, soothing, sometimes rasping, raucous voices of hired TV announcers who either try to lull or bully us into believing what someone (usually the sponsor) is trying to make us believe. Far from it, as this column has often said.

The cost of each show is carefully gauged against the price of the product and, brother, we are paying for both the product and the program, and at no bargain prices.

Now if sponsors really wanted to win friends, influence people and possibly sell their products they would say, "The cost of the show you have just seen, which we admit was not so hot, came to $60,000, including agency fees. We sell a hundred million bottles of Wiffo each year (wha fo, we don't know) at $1.49 a bottle. Since we put on 50 such shows each twelve months, the cost to you everytime you buy a bottle of Wiffo (wha fo, we don't know) is three cents. If we decided to give up this particular inane bit of tripe which we are peddling under the name of entertainment you could buy Wiffo for $1.46, which is still not worth it but at a reduced price is a slightly better buy. Come to think of it, if we cancelled all our advertising you could buy Wiffo for 14 cents a bottle, a saving of $1.35 over the price now, and don't worry—not one would starve. All it would tend to do is make our competitor drop his price, which is $1.49 for the same thing under a different name, Wha fo (the bums even cut in on us with the slogan, "Get a wiffo Wha fo.").

Just what constitutes a commercial, even on "free television" is a problem that seems unsolvable. Sure, there is a sponsor who is footing the bill (after we shod the foot) and plasters his pitches all over the place, but then for no apparent reason during a show you will hear (and see) the illuminating bit of information that the Ruptured Duck Trans-continental Airways has flown the entire crew (two) from Hoboken to New York for this show. In the first place the viewer doesn't particularly care how they got there and, after viewing the show, would rather the "crew" had tried to walk and missed the program.

Then there's the guy (well, look who just dropped in our show) who just happens to walk on, just happening to carry his latest book (which will be relegated to the 59¢ bookstalls in a few months, stacked up besides his other books)and his is strictly a pitch, with no holds barred. Buy the book, he says, not telling us this as a bit of information or entertainment but in an educational sort of way—so we'll learn something (the something being never to buy a book like that again).

Or take (you take him, we don't want him) the "big name" guest star who magnanimously will let you take a peek at him on your screens for which you are scintillatingly rewarded with the name of his next picture and where and when it will open (thanks to the teleprompter, Bright Eyes couldn't remember that whole spiel on his own).

These are all commercials, call them what you will. Not public information, not education, not entertainment. Strictly pure, unadulterated h. s. (which is sometimes known as highpower selling).

What then would stop this same practice from being followed, even stepped up, once pay-TV got a foothold? There are thousands of more subtle (or supposedly so) ways in which these plugs and pitches reach the ear

TV BOXING

MONDAY

ST. NICHOLAS ARENA, New York (DuMont TV Network), Chris Schenkel, Announcer.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS emanating from various cities (ABC-TV Network), Jack Drees, Announcer.

FRIDAY

† **CAVALCADE OF SPORTS,** Madison Square Garden, New York, and other cities (NBC-TV Network), Jimmy Powers, Announcer.

SATURDAY

LEGION STADIUM, Hollywood (KHJ-TV).

† Also heard over NBC Radio Network, Don Dunphy, Announcer.

and eye (nose and throat) through TV now and you can bet your bottom dollar or double or nothing on next month's pay-TV bill that the Bright Boys of Madison Avenue will be thinking up gimmicks by the gunny sack to get their "paid for" plugs over.

This is not written as a thumbs-down piece on pay-TV. Much can be said for the system. There is also much against it and a lot that shouldn't be left to chance. For once it comes, just like taxes, good, bad or indifferent, it will be a tough thing to get rid of. And while it is easy to say fifty cents or a buck for a good show, creatures of habit that we are, it is quite possible that the average guy can figure that he will be working one day out of each month to meet his pay-TV bill. And when you figure all the other habits we have, like eating, having a roof over our head, etc., there just doesn't seem to be enough days in the month. Not anymore.

EVENING CLOTHES, NO LESS

Strange things are happening, as that made-in-Japan actor used to say. Boxing has been slowly moving out of the smoke-filled dinky arenas and into plush surroundings, nothing less than cabarets, night clubs, ballrooms and such. And now a show will originate from a la-de-dah hotel terrace in Washington, D. C., before an audience attired, no less, in evening clothes. Shades of the National Sporting Club!

This latest turn of events will benefit the Washington chapter of Big Brothers of America, a very worthy cause, the organization helping wayward and fatherless boys. The show is to be co-promoted by Goldie Ahearn and the International Boxing Club.

Plans for the lavish promotion were disclosed by Edward H. Foley, Washington lawyer who is co-chairman of the proceedings for Big Brothers. A former under secretary of the treasury, he unfolded the program at a news conference which itself was rather elegant in a ballroom overlooking the terrace.

The terrace is an outdoor night club where fillets go for $7.50 a cut. It comforts well-to-do Washingtonians on warm summer evenings.

About 1,000 ladies and gentlemen may watch the boxing exhibition from tables arranged in a setting of evergreens, vine-laced arbors and colorful flower boxes. In the background soft lights will play on a fountain spray. The perfect setting for a back-alley brawl!

Foley said the cream of Washington government, diplomatic, business and social circles will be invited—at $25 a head, which covers food and trimmings. It will be strictly a guest list affair, although it was made plain that anyone desiring an invitation—and having 25 bucks—may drop the word.

Boxing previously exuded this kind of class in an Atlantic City night club and a Miami hotel. Being outdoors, Ahearn, with a promoter's distaste for freeloaders, has a special problem.

All the hotel windows overlooking the terrace, he said, would be painted black, which should cut down on the transient cliff dwellers who will be attempting to watch the proceedings free of charge. We knew the black-out angle for televised fights would catch on, but we never thought they'd carry it this far.

WHO GOT THE BUSINESS?

"Basically we are in the television business."

This statement was made by Truman Gibson at a press conference at which he took over the reins of the International Boxing Club when Big Jim Norris bowed out.

It was, as far as we know, the first public admission by a responsible member of that organization that some place along the way the line had been crossed and no longer was boxing the motivating force in the business which grosses several million dollars a year but, rather, that television is the prime concern and boxing is merely a means to an end and, from the caliber of some matches, running a poor second.

At the beginning television was a welcomed stranger in the midst of once crowded Jacobs Beach. The guy had dough and he was willing to spend it in return for a good time. Boxing, as long as it had something to sell, would prosper, it was felt.

As time went on and the balance of power began to shift, we, along with many others, envisioned the time when the tail would be wagging the dog, when boxing promoters would "basically be in the television business," the crowds would drift from Jacobs Beach and lose their way while a favored-few found the new promised land—Madison Avenue.

The stranger not only came to dinner—he is staying to devour the host. Boxing, basically (it's a beautiful word), now runs only if and when TV tell it to. Jump, they say, and boxing immediately, obediently, jumps. Go hide yourself, they say, and the sport does a quick disappearing act on the screens. Title bout, they squeal with glee, and boxing resurrects two leftovers to perform their tricks. Roll over and play dead, they intone, and boxing rolls over and plays dead. But, especially of late, we often wonder whether it is the real thing or not.

No longer do the crowds, at one time for a regularly scheduled TV boxing show estimated in the twenty millions, applaud at the slightest jab, jeer at the jab or clamor for the kayo. More discerning? Perhaps. Disappointed and disappearing seems more likely. They've seen the show too often and it's tough to tell one fight from another nowadays.

Care and feeding of the game and gullible little guy, boxing (Hah! He always thought he was such a city slicker) were entirely neglected by the TV interests (which eventually meant boxing promoters). So the half-starved wretch is in the process of being gobbled up by the Stranger, gloves, trunks and foul-proof cup.

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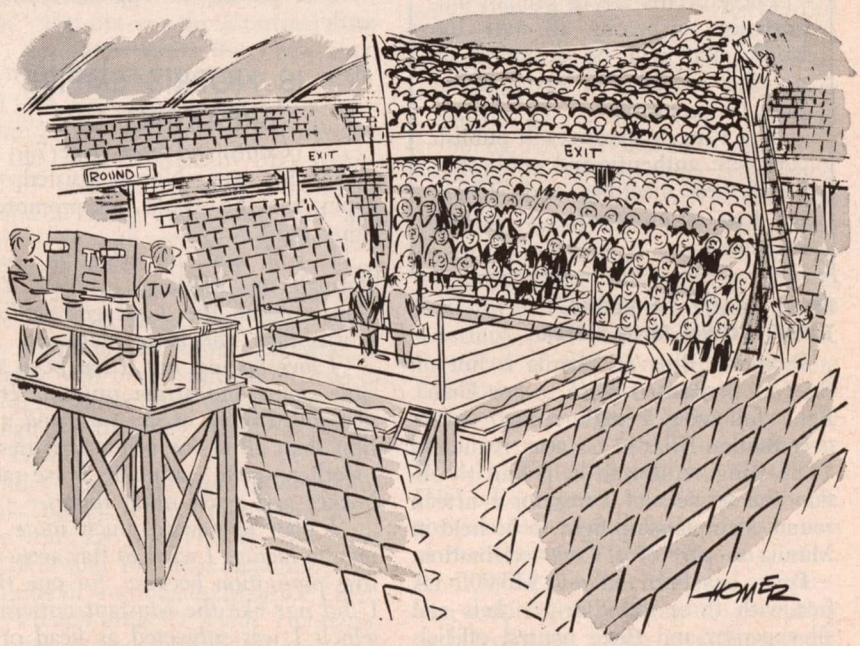

THE SPONSOR HAS BEEN BEEFING ABOUT HOW THE EMPTY SEATS LOOK ON TELEVISION.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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subsequent withdrawal of the Commission from the National organization, has been given as the cause.

Gilbert Jackson, president of the NBA, who went all out in an attempt to bring peace within his organization, has declared his intention and that of the NBA Directors to work harmoniously, as far as possible, with the World Committee in the best interests of boxing, but not as part of that body.

Tony Petronella of Rhode Island, foreign co-ordinator of the NBA, attended the World Championship Committee meeting in Paris, but merely as an observer for his organization, an ambassador of good will, so to speak. In the future, all affairs of an international nature involving the NBA will be cleared through Petronella.

Jackson hopes that universal accord in boxing can be attained through proper cooperation of all boxing legislative bodies without the need for World Champion Committee membership. The Championship Committee did an excellent job during the past year, and it is regretted that the NBA has found it necessary to break away. Without NBA support, we can look for more international dissension in matters pertaining to world titles.

FLEISCHER TO REPORT ON EUROPEAN MEETINGS

As this issue of The Ring Magazine goes to press, Publisher-Editor Nat Fleischer has flown to Europe to attend the European Boxing Union convention in Luxembourg, and the World Championship Committee meeting in Paris.

These events are of primary importance to boxing all over the world, and will be attended by no other publisher or boxing writer from this country.

The Ring Magazine will publish complete, authentic and inside stories of these meetings, and Fleischer's tour of observation of boxing in Europe.

PEREZ READY TO RETIRE; TURNS DOWN RING OFFER

Promoter Besa of Manila is hot on the trail of Pascual Perez to box Ursua. Besa, following Perez's recent victory over Ramon Arias in Caracas, requested "The Ring" editor to help him to obtain the services of Perez for a fifteen round championship fight to be held in Manila as part of a Civic celebration.

Perez has been offered $40,000 tax free with three round trip tickets and all expenses and three neutral officials to defend his crown in June. As a special inducement, Perez has been offered a Japanese referee, a Thailand judge and American judge—"The Ring" editor, but again his manager, Koci, has declined the offer. He says that Perez is ready to retire but might fight one more non-title bout.

Perez has defended his crown often. Several of his bouts were listed as non-championship contests despite the fact that both he and his opponent were below the flyweight limit which definitely makes such contest a championship affair. In his latest title defense, scheduled for only ten rounds, he easily whipped Arias who was badly cut over the left eye. The fight drew a record gate for Venezuela of $135,000 with 14,000 paying fans. Perez received a guarantee of $30,000.

IT DIDN'T HURT THE REFEREE: HE DIDN'T MIND SLAUGHTER

A novelty in boxing took place in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where a fighter who refused to keep hitting a badly bleeding opponent, was disqualified and his victim was declared the winner. Paulo Sacoman of Brazil explained after the loss, *"I have a new religion. I cannot continue to beat a bloody opponent."*

His rival was Julio Neves of Portugal. In the fourth round, Sacoman, shuddering at the blood running down Neves' face, appealed to the referee to stop the fight. Paulo said that if he continued to batter Neves, he might kill him.

The referee refused to intervene. He ordered Sacoman to continue, but the latter refused. Whereupon Neves won by disqualification of the Brazilian.

That referee deserves a tin medal and the forfeiture of his license. It takes a lot of guts for a boxer to gamble on his future by accepting a loss rather than to punish his opponent unnecessarily.

IS NORRIS EMPIRE BREAKING UP?

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For his part, Norris insisted, once again, that he would not promote another fight.

"I still am interested in boxing through my holdings in New York's Garden and the Chicago Stadium," Norris told The Ring Magazine.

"I love boxing, but it has been a terrible drain and strain on me. It has demanded more of my time and attention than all of my other activities put together—grain, railroads, horse racing, hockey and a few other things.

"I plan to devote much more time now to racing. I want to stay away from ring promotion because, for one thing, I did not like the constant criticism to which I was subjected as head of the IBC.

"I am proud of the fact that of all the continuing programs on television, boxing is the oldest. We have been blasted and belted, but boxing never lacks TV sponsors."

IBC FIRST BIG PROMOTING BODY MINUS HEAVY HOLD

The Norris retirement from the active leadership of the IBC, the helpless situation into which that organization has been forced by the D'Amato-Patterson boycott, have given rise in some quarters to the thought that the Norris ring empire is disintegrating.

It is not likely that anything operated by Truman Gibson and Harry Markson will collapse It is not conceivable that Norris, even in the background, will let the IBC, with its financial stakes in the Garden, the Chicago Stadium, and other places, topple into the dust.

But there is a lot of lugubrious talk about the IBC, which certainly finds itself in a showdown.

The organization which is the IBC goes back to the one set up by Tex Rickard in the ancient Garden, now just an old timers memory.

After Tex came Bill Carey and others, and eventually Mike Jacobs took over. Mike had his Joe Louis. Rickard had his Jack Dempsey. Every leader of the promotional organization had his grip on the heavyweight situation, and on the heavyweight champion of his time.

But here is the IBC without a connection with Patterson, and it is at least disturbing for the IBC, and for those who want a continuous run of worth while heavyweight competition.

What is the IBC going to do about all this?

CUS SAYS HE'S READY TO PUT ON PRESSURE

Getting back to the caustic and determined D'Amato, he said, *"The time to lay it on hardest is when you have the other guy hanging on to the ropes. That's where I have the IBC.*

"Fighters and managers more and more are getting wise to the fact that in its campaign of intimidation and rewards, the IBC keeps worthy fighters starving and inferior fighters picking up television matches.

"Norris just had to resign, and I like to feel that I had something to do with that.

"Now, I read that this is my war. That's the bunk. It is the war of every man who had the interest of boxing at heart.

"If it had been my war, I could have made a fine deal for myself long ago. But I want the proper deal for boxing at large.

"The most the average heavyweight can hope to make under the IBC system is $20,000 a year. I can offer the chance to do three times as well."

D'Amato sat back for a while, and then broke into one of his rare laughs. He is a serious man who believes himself dedicated to a vital mission.

"Do you know what they say about me?" he chuckled. *"Oh, you have heard it. 'D'Amato is an erratic man.' Or, 'D'Amato is a neurotic.' Well, I am too steadfast and determined to be either erratic or neurotic.*

"If demanding my rights makes me neurotic, then those who in 1775 voted for independence were a bunch of nuts."

There are no two ways about it. With D'Amato holding out, the IBC is up against it in so as the heavyweight division is concerned. Unless it can offer its list of heavies a chance at the title, it must face the possibility of seeing its hold on the division disintegrate.

That stupid Machen-Folley fight, in which each had so much at stake, and which could have placed D'Amato in a much tougher position as a spoil-match, certainly did not help the IBC.

Nor is it going to help the situation if Gibson reiterates his inaugural speech about suing people who malign either the IBC or himself.

How to go about ending this war is not clear. It would appear that it cannot be settled. The IBC has some right in its position. It has most of the top ranking men. D'Amato, in the driver's seat with the world champion, has the paramount position.

Meanwhile the sport of boxing is slipping into more and more trouble through heavyweight mildew.

The IBC will not give in to Cus, and D'Amato shows no signs of surrendering to Norris and Gibson.

This means a compounding of stupidity in the heavyweight situation.

TALK OF TITLE FORFEIT
100 PERCENT HOOEY

Has the New York Commission any form of reprisal at its disposal? None.

Has the World Championship Committee, has the European Boxing Union, has the NBA, any way of loosening the embargo? None.

Some folks have raised the silly issue of shooting an ultimatum at Cus and relieving Patterson of his title if he refuses to meet a top ranking heavyweight, even if that man be connected with the IBC. That's bunk. World championships are won and lost in the ring, not in council rooms.

The setup is without precedent. All those who favor boxing can hope for is that D'Amato comes through as advertised, and arranges two or three matches with worthy fighters. Nobody likely to beat the champion appears on the stage, or on the horizon.

Boxing followers must be ready to give D'Amato his leeway. They may feel that Patterson should fight Machen or Folley, or both. But if Cus doesn't want Floyd to meet these men, that's that. Nor are Machen and Folley in too strong a demand position.

Half a loaf is better than none. If D'Amato offers the half, fight fans will have to take it,—yes, even with a thank you to Cus.

THE MAT WORLD

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captured the first fall but dropped the second and third. The referee was Otto Kuss, former Indiana University wrestler, under Wm. H. (Billy) Thom. Medico weighed 230.

Under card action saw Texas Junior Heavyweight King Oyama Kato, 205, down Big Fritz Von Erich, 260, Germany, in 14:32 with a stomach claw.

Another Houston favorite Leapen' Larry Chene, 210, Detroit, Mich., was awarded a disqualification over Coon Froberg, 225, Brownsville, Tex. Rip Rogers, 225, Chicago, Ill., downed Johnny Berand, 220, New York City, while ruffian Johnny Valentine, 230, Columbus, O., defeated Stu Gibson, 240, Louisville, Ky. A special attraction saw Irma Gonzalez, Mexico's girl champion, beat the Masked Lady.

PEN-NOTES . . .
By Barry Lloyd Penhale

Wrestling attendance continues to run high throughout Canada and there appears to be no let-up in the mat game's coast to coast popularity. Many people have asked me about Canadian Box-Office records and in answer to such inquiries here are some pretty attractive and staggering figures. First of all the All-time Canadian Attendance mark was set in Montreal on July 18, 1956. The site was the Montreal Baseball Stadium and the headliners EDOUARD CARPENTIER and ARGENTINA ROCCA grappled to a draw before 23,227 frantic fans. Undoubtably the DON EAGLE-BOBBY MANAGOFF semi-final (a draw), the midgets and a strong supporting card had much to do with setting this Canadian attendance mark. Montreal of course is a large city and wrestling is promoted successfully in large and small clubs every night of the week. Likewise in Toronto with over a million citizens in the Metropolitan area, vast crowds push through the turnstiles weekly at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Under the promotional banner of Frank Tunney, the first big crowd drawn some years ago was 11,000. The year was 1940 and the man responsible for the turn-out was the late Maurice Tillet, the "French Angel". Hans Hermann, who has caused Canada's worst mat riots, also has set attendance records in many Canadian centers. In Toronto a few years ago when that sprawling city was completely paralyzed by a street car strike, the big German meanie attracted over 12,000 spectators. An amazing figure when you consider that hundreds of fans without transportation had to walk clear across the city to attend. Also astounding in view of the fact that Toronto wrestling was not on television at that time. Without the transportation strike and with TV, Hermann would likely have equalled or bested the top two gates for Toronto wrestling. These are the JIM LONDOS-GINO GARIBALDI clash of 27 years ago and the November 12th, 1953 Team Title skirmish between Whipper Watson & Yvon Robert, Champions, and contenders Al & Tiny Mills.

The 1953 match with Joe Louis as referee pulled more than 15,000 fans to the Gardens and slightly topped the Londos-Garibaldi attendance. Other Canadian Box-Office records are: The LOU THESZ Title defense with HARDBOILED HAGGERTY which drew 10,000 fans to the Winnipeg Arena. Not bad when you consider Winnipeg's total population is 256,683. In Edmonton an All-star program highlighted by three Title defenses drew 8,379 of that fair city's 214,700 residents. Al Oeming offered Billy Watson —then World Champ against Haggerty, Lady Champion JUNE BYERS against Penny Banner and Team Title-holder's FRITZ VON ERICH & KARL VON SCHOBER against George and Sandy Scott. The North Bay Memorial Gardens mat attendance record of around 4000 paying customers is even more impressive when you consider the fact that the city proper is made up of but 23,000 people.

(Canada's own late HERB PARKS and Texan DORY FUNK attracted this last mentioned gathering.) So you can see why wrestling prospects in Canada and why so many wrestlers from other Countries express such keen interest in grappling here. As Canada's population increases, so will wrestling attendance. Especially in Northern Ontario and Western Canada does this reporter envision a noticeable increase in mat attendance. The rich mining city of Sudbury in Northern Ontario is a real wrestling plum for Larry Kasaboski, President of the Northland Wrestling Enterprises. When annexation takes place soon, Sudbury's population will swell to close to 100,000. Promoters STU HART (Calgary) and AL OEMING (Edmonton) are in an enviable position too, as they hold sway in two of this Country's fastest growing cities. It all looks good for the men in question and should add up to promising and profitable future wrestling times for Canada.

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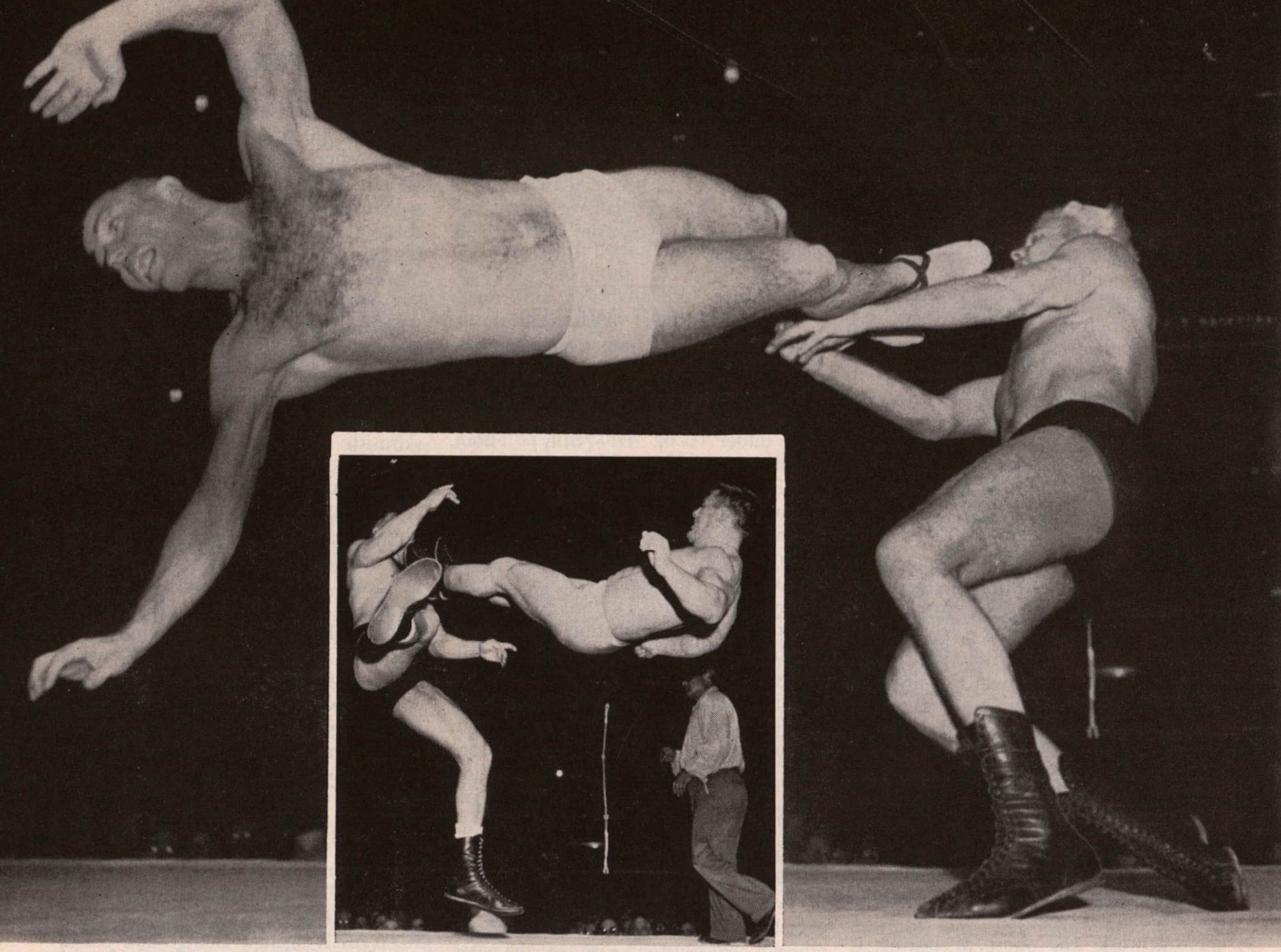


A couple of kicks at the Garden. Top: Ex-ballet dancer Ricki Starr, of New York, sails to a two point landing on the chin of West German Ludwig Von Krupp. The contest ended in a draw. In insert, we see another kicking star, Eduardo Carpentier, of France, grounding his landing gear against the face of "The Giant Greek," John Tolos. Carpentier won the match.

THE MAT WORLD

By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT

JOE DUSEK one of the "*Roughouse Gang*", which included Ernie and Emil, has now settled in Omaha, Nebraska, where he has taken over as promoter at the City Auditorium. Joe has put new life into wrestling in his home town. . . . Dick "*The Bruiser*" Affils has been his star attraction and has been matched against the best in the game. . . . Besides his Saturday night shows Joe is putting on live TV cards on Monday nights from 10 PM to 11:00 . . . and he has a sponsor. So far the "Rookie" promoter of the year has averaged for thirteen weeks $5,179 per show.

Billy Varga is going great guns on the Pacific Coast . . . . he may be seen in New York soon when he will put his American heavy title on the line. . . . Willie Gilzenberg and Dave Cohen, top New Jersey promoters, are contributing a lot of heart . . . they're running a benefit wrestling show at the Laurel Gardens for the Seeing Eye Foundation. . . . no profits for anyone but the Foundation.

Ilio DiPaolo, a former scientific, clean grappler is now parading his wares as a villain. . . . Al Torres, youngest of the Torres Brothers, is beginning to shape up as a top grappler . . . he looks better each time out and his "Bulldog" headlock is a real head shrinker.

Texas, coming into its own as one of the leading sports centers . . . not only does it draw championship boxing but also top wrestling talent . . . recently Dick Hutton successfully defended his title against Bob Geigel, the 228 pound Southwest champ. . . . Abilene has played host to such mat stars as Leo Garibaldi, Killer Joe Christy, The Great Bolo, Iron Mike DeBiase, the gal midgets—Miss Doll Page and Gypsy Rose.

Word from Tommy Deugau, editor of Cross Canada Wrestling Magazine that his mag is going great guns and

subscriptions are poring in . . . . if you want to subscribe write to Tom at P. O. Box 886, Griesbach, Alberta, Canada.

Vince Salerno, 250 pound behemoth wrestler from Woodlynne, N. J., has just written a martial marching song titled "The Woodlynne Legion" and his comments are that he hopes it will out Lilly "Lilly Marlene".

Don't forget your reservations for the Fourth National Wrestling Fan Club Convention, June 20 through 22 at Buffalo, N. Y. Registering fees, etc. can be obtained by writing to Mrs. Florence Smith, 455 South Summit Ave., Bowling Green, Ohio.

It appears that Johnny Barend has added something . . . he's bought a motel called the Twin Swan Motor Court at Avon, N. Y. . . . Johnny, who has been busy in Texas, may come back to play Shakespeare at the Court this summer.

FRITZ VON ULM

Fritz Von Ulm, although born in Germany in 1928 became an American in 1929 when his family migrated to the U. S. The six feet, three inch, 250 pound roughie currently makes his home in California but he has wrestled all over the U. S. and even outside its limits.

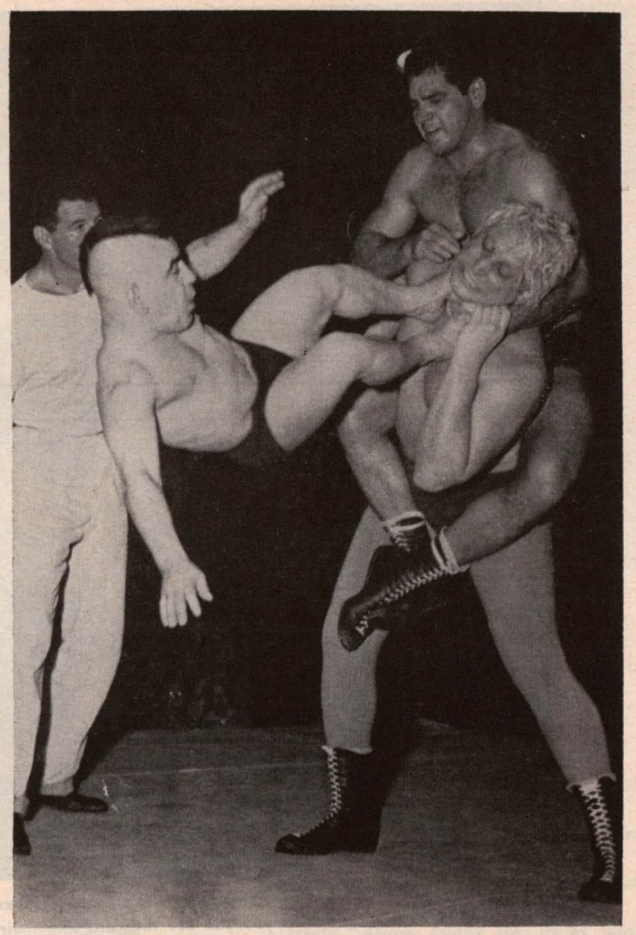
He looks like a typical Teutonic warrior with his blond hair and blue eyes. He's just as tough as he is handsome and boy can this lad dish it out when the going gets rugged.

His body is like steel cable and when he puts on a hold his opponent can only think of *"escape."*

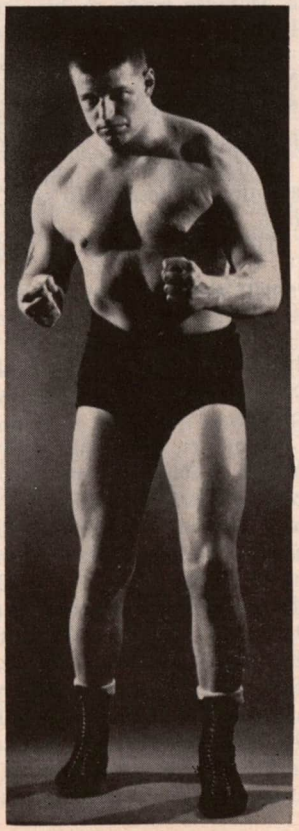
FAN CLUB CORNER.

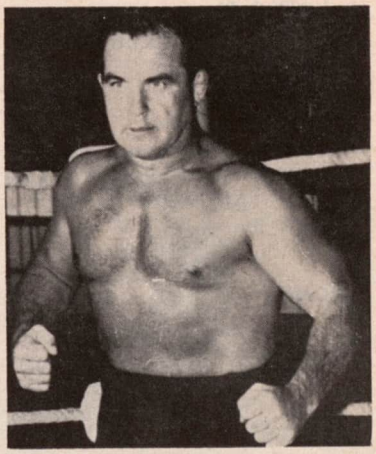
We are attempting to place before you the names of Fan Clubs as they come to our attention so that you can join up with your favorites. Those interested can join the Larry Chene FC by writing to President D. Soberiski at 2368 S. 19th Street, Benjamin, Wisconsin. Don Eagle fans can join his club by getting in touch with President Detta Droege, 1713 Hughes Street., Cincinnati 10, Ohio. Write to Karen Olyshant, President, Paul DeGalles FC, 1126 Browning Ave., Salt Lake City 5, Utah.

Paul Baillargeon, who had seven stitches put into his head and was hospitalized, reported by his FC President

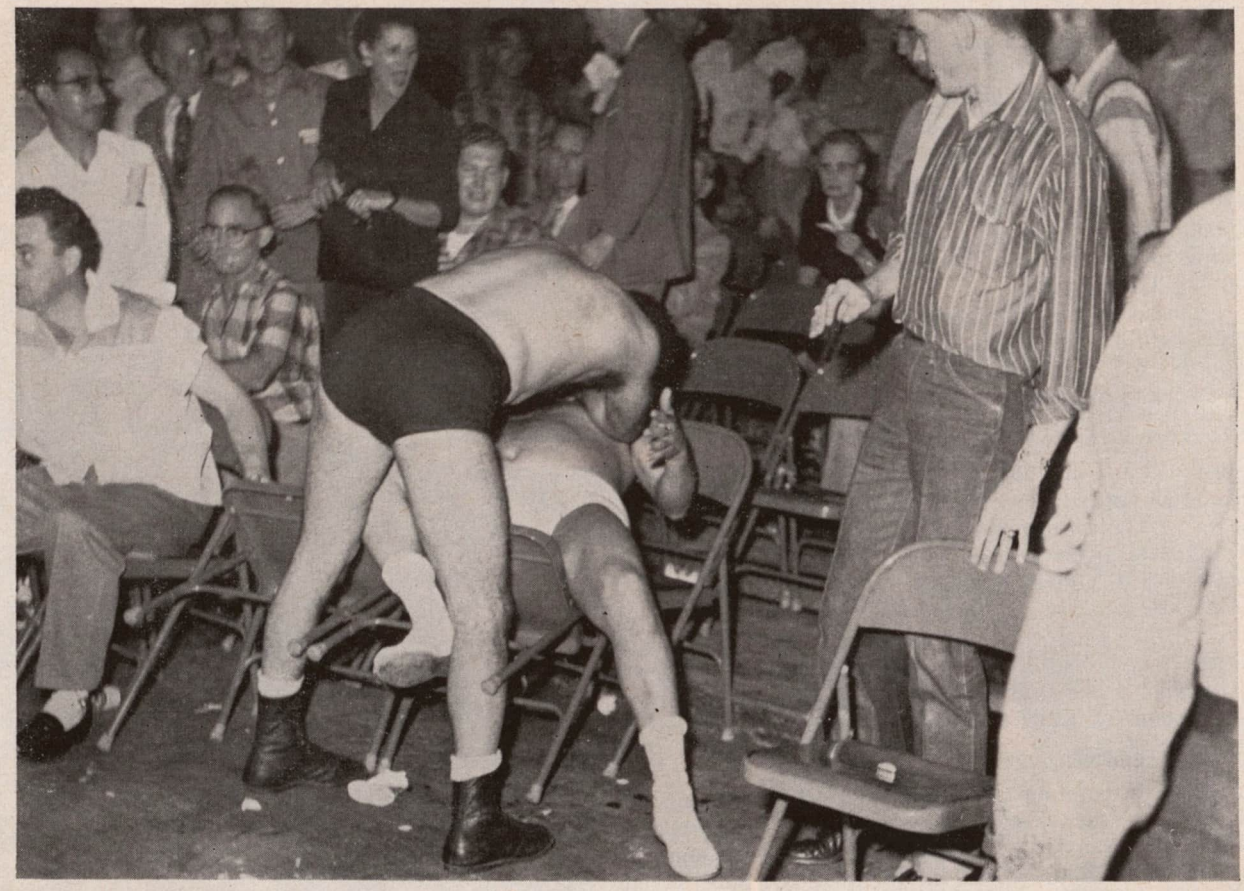


San Jose, California, was the scene of a "Midget-Giant" mixed match. The team of Stan Kowalski and Ivan the Terrible grappled to a draw with the Ramon Torres-Little beaver duo. Here we see Kowalski getting the works from Ramon Torres and the high kicking midget Little Beaver. The referee was ex-Texas heavyweight champ Kay Bell.





Left to right: Rose Roman, a threat to the women's title; Fritz Von Ulm, a toughie, who can mix it with the best of them; Aztec Garcia, when he plays rough, it's tough to beat him; Irish Mike Clancy, a claimant for the world's junior heavyweight crown and a solidly framed piece of man who can mix it with the best.



Bull Curry on top of El Medico, heavyweight champion of Texas. El Medico, a Mexican, who wears a mask, recovered from this shellacking to defeat Curry. As you can see the fans like their wrestling . . . clean. (Photo by Bob Utter)

Louise Thoeny of Route 1, Box 176, Hugo, Minn., as being on his feet and giving his opponents a tough time once more.

RING POPULARITY POLL

MEN

1: Dick Hutton
2: Eduardo Carpentier
3: Buddy Rosen
4: Lou Thesz
5: Pepper Gomez
6: Dick "The Bruiser" Affils
7: Antonio Rocca and Miguel Perez (team)
8: Roy McClarity
9: Wilbur Snyder
10: Whipper Billy Watson

WOMEN

1: June Byers (Champ)
2: Princess Moolah (Champ)
3: Rita Cortez
4: Penny Banner
5: Nell Stewart
6: Alma Mills
7. Judy Grable
8: Terry Majors
9: Princess Tona Tamah
10: Sharon Lass

SHORT ON AZTEC GARCIA

Born in Oklahoma City 34 years ago, Aztec Garcia has spent most of his life in Mexico but when in the States usually hangs his hat in Toledo, Ohio.

Being a natural junior heavyweight (202 pounds) the Senor from Senora stands one inch over the six-foot mark. Aztec has a blood line that would scare the average grappler to death. His mother is Spanish and his father is Indian. Mix the two and you have plenty of fire and scrap.

Garcia is one of matdom's most colorful performers even to the extent of wearing Mexican clothes into the ring. He has speed and is clever. Aztec claims that his training to be a Matador while in his early teens is the reason for his lightning movements against top men of the fraternity.

The Mexican fireball has met some of the best. Bull Montana, Mike Angelo, Billy Fox, Baron Leone and Danny McShain. He held the latter to a draw when McShain was junior heavyweight champion.

Garcia claims the junior heavyweight crown of Mexico and doesn't hesitate to say, "*Someday I will win the world's belt.*"

He is married and his favorite food is raw meat.

"IRISH MIKE CLANCY"

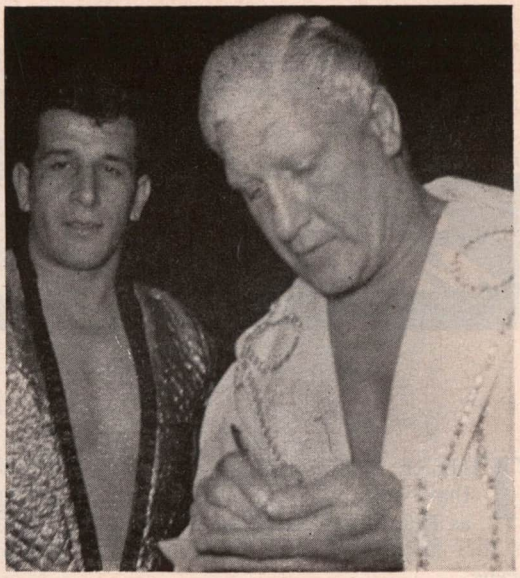
Irish Mike Clancy, who was born in Boston, Mass., is typical of the New England Irish in his love for physical combat sports. Mike stands 5 ft., 10 in., and weighs 215 pounds.

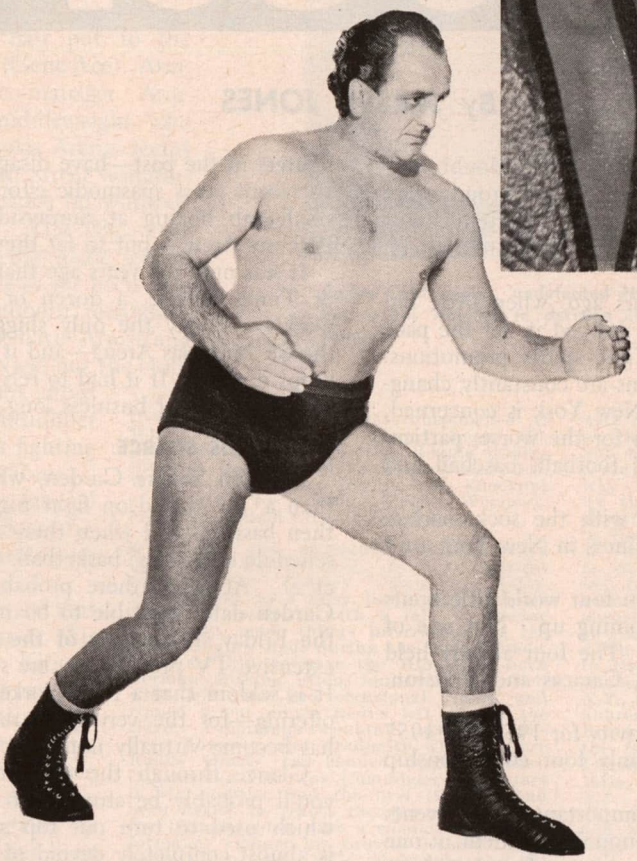
After wrestling amateur with the Warren Academy and Y.M.C.A. teams, winning top honors there, he decided to turn professional under the wing of Paul Bowser, veteran mat promoter of Boston. It wasn't long before he had established an outstanding record and became a scourge in the Junior Heavyweight Division. Irish Mike now after the World Title campaigned extensively, and finally on April 9, 1956 in Tulsa, Okla., defeated Gentleman Edmund Francis for a version of the World Junior Heavyweight Title. The stocky built Clancy surprised every one by trouncing the conqueror of Baron Leone in such decisive fashion that title claimants and newsmen were amazed. Since then Irish Mike has defended the Championship successfully only losing to Angelo Savoldi at Oklahoma City.

Irish Mike specializes in the Irish Whip and also the Atomic Drop. Clancy is generally a clean scientific wrestler but if the other fellow wants it rough Mike is willing to meet him half-way. Mike says if that's what the other fellow wants I'll try hard to accommodate him. And you can tell who the crowd is for when they yell "CLANCY LOWER THE BOOM".

During World War Two Mike served with the Amphibious Forces of the United States Coast Guard where he participated in the invasions of Mazuro, Kwajelein, Eniwetock, Saipan, Tinian and the Leyte Islands along with Okinawa where the fighting was the thickest.

Fans are heard in every arena calling for Clancy to lower the boom, and Mike has a habit of doing just that. He is a clean, scientific wrestler but heaven help his opponent if he gets rough with this Son Of Erin.





Above: Joe Scarpa, newcomer who is quickly gaining favor, posing with Freddie Blassie, Southern champ, signing autographs for clamoring fans. Left: Lord James Blears, an Englishman now showing on the Pacific Coast, who has one of wrestling's finest records. Below: Buddy Lee, as he looks as a wrestler. He is married to the Fabulous Moolah, a woman champ. He is a successful booking agent.

RAMONA TESELLE . . .
By Bob Utter

It's often been said that redheaded wrestlers have the most horrible disposition of anyone in the ring. This may hold true when Ramona TeSelle is inside the roped square, but on the outside, she is cute and charming.

Born in North Branch, Minn., 26-years ago, Ramona is a beautiful redhaired beauty who could pass for a model.

Weighing 138-pounds and standing 5-inches over the 5-foot mark, Miss TeSelle possesses the following measurements . . . 36-24-36 . . . see what I mean?

Started by Tony Stecker in wrestling eight years ago, Ramona has had over 700 matches and has lost but very few. She has met such topnotchers as June Byers, present champion, Penny Banner, Ada Ash, Rose Roman, Raymonde Rousselot and Betsey Ross.

Now making her home in Chicago, Ill., Miss TeSelle's ambition is to be the toughest gal in the crackle and crunch fraternity. Her style is not too far off from Wild Bill Longson, Wild Red Berry and Dangerous Danny McShain. In other words she is already a rough, tough gal to get along with once she laces on her wrestling shoes.

She names Kim Novak as her number one actress and John Wayne as her favorite he-man. Horseback riding and dancing are her select hobbies while chicken is her favorite food.

Miss TeSelle is married and has a daughter, Linda, age nine.

TEXAS RASSLIN' . . . *By Bob Utter*

Fireball Pepper Gomez, the 205 pound bundle of muscle and speed from Los Angeles, Calif., is now the proud holder of the much sought after Texas Heavyweight Championship, thanks to his sensational win over El Medico at the Houston City Auditorium.

Texas wrestling impresario Morris P. Sigel, showed top ability in modern day mat showmanship, in matching Gomez and Medico about the two hottest numbers in Southwest cauliflower circles. More than 2,000 spectators were turned away leaving the Auditorium's 9,000 seating capacity bulging at the seams. The show was televised from 9 'til 10 and then carried via radio until the finish.

Medico, who won the Texas championship from Johnny Valentine,

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By JERSEY JONES

THERE hardly seems to be any lingering doubt now that New York has tumbled from its once proud estate as the capital of the sports world. Its current status is that of just another burg on the scattered international scene.

Time was, and not so many years ago, when little old Bagdad-on-the-Subway, as O. Henry dubbed it, set the pace for the rest of the world in Big Time sports promotions. But *tempus* does *fugit*, and conditions are constantly changing in a restless universe. Where New York is concerned, the change has unquestionably been for the worse, particularly in such major departments as football, baseball and boxing.

Our main concern, of course, is with the sock market. Like the old grey mare, the fight business in New York ain't what it used to be.

Up to this writing there have been four world title bouts staged this year, with a fifth one coming up. Not one of them has had a New York setting. The four already held have been in Chicago, Los Angeles, Caracas and Houston. The next one is slated for St. Louis.

As a matter of fact, adding the activity for 1956 and 1957 to this year's, New York has had only four championship bouts out of a total of thirty.

It's all well and good to spread important sports events around the landscape, instead of monopolizing them in one spot, but it's sort of carrying things a bit too far when New York, the greatest city in the world, is given such little consideration when championship fights are discussed.

TV PARTLY AT FAULT.

It is conceded that, since the advent of television, it's immaterial to the average video fan where a sports event is held. He can see it just as well on his living-room TV screen whether it comes from New York, Oshkosh or Podunk.

But there's a matter of prestige to be considered, and there's no arena anywhere in this or any other land that carries the world-wide prestige of outdoor Yankee Stadium or indoor Madison Square Garden.

As we've pointed out often enough in these columns, one of the main contributing factors to boxing's decline in New York has been a dearth of local attractions, with their loyal and often noisy neighborhood followings. The one-time rivalry between Irish and Jewish factions, which played such an important role in boxing in the "good old days", has completely vanished from New York. Irish and Jewish kids just aren't going into the fight trade these days. There are too many other and easier ways to earn a living. If a youngster does have any ambition to become another Jack Dempsey or Benny Leonard, he has all too few opportunities to pick up the necessary experience and learn his trade properly. The "incubators"—the neighborhood clubs like the Broadway, the Commonwealth and the Ridgewood Grove, which developed so many of New York's outstanding fighters in the past—have disappeared from the local scene. In recent years spasmodic efforts have been made to revive small-club boxing at Sunnyside Garden and the Eastern Parkway Arena—but so far they're been losing propositions.

It was only ten years ago that, within a radius of 25 miles of Times Square, a dozen or more clubs were operating weekly. Today the only sluggery functioning regularly is the St. Nicholas Arena—and it's the revenue from TV that keeps it going. If it had to rely on cash customers, it would have been out of business long since.

HOMEBREDS SCARCE.

Madison Square Garden, which has become little more than a TV studio on fight nights, operates on a now-and-then basis, as and when there are open Fridays on its busy schedule of hockey, basketball, ice carnivals, rodeos, circuses, et al. At most, there probably aren't more than twenty Garden dates available to boxing in a year, and the rest of the Friday shows, part of the International Boxing Club's extensive TV promotions, are scattered around the country. It is seldom that a New Yorker is featured on any Garden offering—for the very good reason that New York talent has become virtually non-existent.

Glance through the current ratings of The Ring, and you'll probably be stunned to realize that the Big Town, which used to turn out top attractions in wholesale lots, is almost completely devoid of homebreds. Of the eighty-eight fighters listed—eight champions and their eighty leading rivals—there's only ONE born-and-bred New Yorker. He is light-heavyweight Tony Anthony. Six others bill themselves out of New York, but they're all "adopted" sons. Heavyweights Floyd Patterson and Wayne Bethea both originated in North Carolina (the former in Waco, the latter in Dillon); middleweight Ray Robinson in Detroit, lightweight Paolo Rosi in Italy, lightweight Carlos Oritz in Puerto Rico and featherweight Ike Chestnut in Birmingham, Ala.

The lively, colorful eras that produced such local favorites as Willie Lewis, Leach Cross, K. O. Brown, Benny Leonard, Irish Patsy Cline, Joe Lynch, Eddie (Cannonball) Martin, Abe Goldstein, Frankie Genaro, Gene Tunney, Paul Berlenbach, Sid Terris and, in more recent years, Jake LaMotta and Rocky Graziano, have faded into a misty, nostalgic past.

New York no longer is the capital of the sports world. It's just another outlet on the national TV circuit.

UNFAIR TO YOUNG LABOR.

Far be it from this agent to horn into the "war" Cus D'Amato has been waging against the International Boxing Club. Whether or not Cus is justified in his "crusade" is not for us to say. If he refuses to let world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson fight for the IBC, that's his and Floyd's business. But we wonder if D'Amato realizes what a handicap he is to several other young fighters in his troupe.

For a year or more Cus has been supporting four ex-Olympians, Joe Shaw, Harry Floyd Smith, Jim Boyd and Paul Wright. He has just added Jose Torres to the crowd. As

we understand it's cost D'Amato $50 weekly for each fighter, plus the costs of gymnasium equipment, trainer's fees, and various other incidentals. Actually, they've been no real expense to Cus, since he can write them off as business deductions in his income taxes.

But what of the fighters themselves? Among the lot they probably haven't had a dozen professional bouts in a year—and then for preliminary pay at the smaller clubs. By fighting so infrequently, they have no chance to develop properly. They're wasting away in the gym.

Then, there's the sudden halt put to the rapid progress of Genorace (Gene-Ace) Armstrong, of whom D'Amato is co-manager. Armstrong, young Linden, N. J., middleweight, who was developed at the St. Nicholas Arena, seems to have outgrown the West 66th Street swatatorium. He hasn't fought there since he whipped Charley Joseph last February. The IBC, ever on the hunt for "new faces", has made several offers for Armstrong, but hasn't as yet been able to break down D'Amato's stubborn resistence. Cus seems willing enough to have Armstrong continue operations at the St. Nick, but the club, with its limited finances, cannot afford to pay another middleweight headliner the sort of money he'd want for fighting an opponent of Armstrong's calibre.

Thus, because of his real or fancied grievances against the IBC, D'Amato is messing up one of the most promising young "stables" in the business.

INCIDENTALLY, rumor has it that Patterson may defnd his laurels this summer in England against Kitione Lave, the Tongan. Exactly how and why Lave qualifies as a title contender is somewhat beyond our usually elastic imagination. The Tongan lost all three of his starts in 1957, dropping decisions to Brian London and Joe Bygraves in England and Hans Friedrich in Germany. Early this year he returned home for a brief visit, and while there picked up a bout with the American, Chuck Woodworth, in New Zealand. It was Woodworth's first fight in two years. He had gone to the South Seas as a Mormon missionary. Despite his long absence from the ring, the Utahan gave Lave a real drubbing. The Tongan is now back in England. If there is anything that qualifies him as an opponent for Patterson it probably is his record of losing consistently. Cus D'Amato doesn't believe in taking unnecessary chances with his champion.

Carlos Ortiz (right), undefeated New York lightweight, travelled out to Los Angeles to decision Joey Lopes and gain place in ratings.

THE month's results:

Continuing its bi-monthly non-TV schedule featuring young talent, Sunnyside Garden came up with a lively, well-balanced card in which six of seven bouts went their scheduled distances. In the wind-up six, Eddie Lynch, 148½, popular West Sider, made good use of a left hand to score over Julius Rhodes, 144, Philadelphia. The decision gave Lynch a record of 16 wins against one draw and one defeat in 18 pro starts. In another six, Joe Davis, 148, Bronx, was returned winner over Jesse Watson, 142, Stamford, Conn. A product of Matchmaker Moe Fleischer's "youth" campaign, a Brooklyn middleweight with the imposing title of Greatest Crawford, 155, posted his fourth straight win by whipping a borough rival, John Gadson, 160, in one of the fours. In other fours, Vernon Lynch, 130, East Side, decisioned Walter Taylor, 129, Harlem; Henry Wallitch, 184, Bronx, outpunched Al Whitt, 176, Brooklyn; Tommy Leak, 150, Long Island City, won from Reggie Robinson, 149, Harlem, and Herb Cornitcher, 139, West Side, accounted for the only knockout of the night by stopping Charles Wormley, 140, Long Island City, in the first.

▶ Strength and durability carried Stefan Redl, 147, Passaic, N.J., to a unanimous decision over Charley Cummings, 143½, Philidelphia, in a busy ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Cummings, with a fair knowledge of boxing, made things interesting for the free-swinging Redl during the early rounds. Not only did he have the Hungarian-born German missing often, but he scored well with left jabs and occasional rights and ripped a cut above Redl's left eye in the third. Cummings couldn't maintain the pace, however, and gradually wilted before Redl's steady two-handed aggressiveness. Considering this was Cummings' first start in six months, and the first time he had been asked to travel the ten-round route, the Philadelphian gave a commendable performance against his heavily-favored opponent. Chico Velez, 134½, East Side, had the better of Sid Lugo, 134, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. Another six resulted in a decision for Juan Pomare, 165½, Panama, over Richie Hill, 162½, Bronx. In a pair of fours, Billy Gibson, 149, Hackensack, N.J., beat Bobby Angelo, 150½, Brooklyn, and Jimmy Gorman, 125, Paterson, N.J., stopped Joey Calder, 125½, Brooklyn, at 1:43 of the third.

▶ Although he won handily enough, Frankie Ryff, 139½, Bronx, was anything but sensational in taking a decision from heavier but less talented Johnny Gorman, 143½, Brooklyn, in a disappointing ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Ryff, who'd had so much trouble with cuts around the eyes, seemed too concerned with avoiding further facial damage and he didn't fight any more than was necessary. The result was a bout marred by too much clinching and aimless mauling. When he did elect to display some animation, Ryff outclassed Gorman. He was too fast and ringwise for the Brooklynite and scored easily with left hooks and two-handed combinations. Gorman tried to make a fight of it but was kept in a constant state of frustration by Ryff's superior ringcraft. The simi-final, scheduled for six, ended at 1:16 of the fifth with Frank Keating, 159, Wallingford, Conn., stopping Tommy Della Rocca, 158, Rochester, N.Y. Up-and-coming Vernon Lynch, 127¾, East Side, turned in the most impressive performance of his brief career in beating Wally Livingston, 127¼, Trenton, N.J., in another six. In fours, Ralph Harris, 157, West Side, was a winner over Eddie McPhatter, 156, Newark, N.J., and Lou Caravella, 127¼, Harlem, had the better of Ray Sanna, 130½, East Side.

▶ A human sponge, Art Miller, 179¼, Harlem, soaked up enough punishment to suffice for an entire career before he finally was dumped for the full count by his illustrious neighbor, Tony Anthony, 177½, at 1:41 of the sixth at St. Nicholas Arena. Miller, with only 12 pro bouts behind him, was no match for the rangy, sharpshooting Anthony, but he gave everything he had while he could. He crowded into Anthony all the way and refused to become discouraged by the blistering two-handed blasting he absorbed for his audacity. He kept piling in for more. Late in the third a serious of vicious combinations sent him toppling to the canvas, but he was struggling to his feet when the bell clanged at the count of six. Althouh he continued to absorb terrific punishment it wasn't until two and a half rounds later that he went down again. This time he was too exhasted to rise. Joe Lissy, 154½, Yorkville, was a winner over Eddie Prince, 149, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., in the semi-final six. Another six was abbreviated when Freddie Mack, 177, Brooklyn, was not permitted to go out for the fourth with Al Anderson, 180½, Long Island City. In fours, Vinnie Ferguson, 164½, Bronx, beat Milton Epps, 162, Newark, N.J.; Willie Johnson, 147, Long Island City, decisioned Joe Casino, 148, Philadelphia, and Nino Malavetz, 138¼, Puerto Rico, won from Rocky Fischetti, 134½, Brooklyn.

▶ Given his first opportunity to appear in a main event, even though it was only a six-rounder on a non-TV "young talent" program, ex-Olympian Joe Shaw, 146, St. Louis, had a rugged time edging his way to a split decision over Wes Lowery, 150½, Allentown, Pa., at the Eastern Parkway Arena. It was Shaw's fifth start as a professional and the toughest assignment he had yet faced. Two of the officials thought he won, but the third voted for a draw. The main event was supported by a half-dozen fours, and an odd feature of the card was that not one knock-out or draw was accounted for in the lot. Every bout produced a decision winner. Steve Proko, 142, Brooklyn, won from Reggie Robinson, 143, Harlem; Joe Rubino, 160, Brooklyn, had the better of Tony Santiago, 165, Bronx; Clayton Thompson, 173, Harlem, outfought Tommy Hough, 166, Newark, N. J.; Tony Santana, 137, Brooklyn, decisioned Tito Galvin, 140, Long Island City; Clyde Washington, 149, Harlem, was given the verdict over Bobby Gibson, 151½, Philadelphia, and Walter Taylor, 130, Brooklyn, outpunched Herb Conticher, 132, East Side. The attendance looked to be about 500.

▶ With three knockdowns enlivening proceedings, Eddie Lynch, 149, West Side, and Peter Schmidt, 149, Yorkville, slam-banged to a draw in the final of three tens at St. Nicholas Arena. It was a free-swinging affair, with the aggressive Schmidt taking an early lead, Lynch moving to the front during the middle rounds, and Schmidt staging a strong finish. The German-born Yorkvillian was dropped in the third but came back to dump Lynch twice, in the seventh and tenth. Schmidt fought from the fifth round on with blood trickling from his nose and cuts around the eyes. The three tens comprised the entire card. It was the first time in years that a local fight show was staged without at least one four- or six-round preliminary bout. In the semi-final spot, Marvin (Candy) McFarland, 139, Philadel-

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

MAURO VASQUE.., featherweight from Tlaxcala, Mexico (pronounced "Tlazcala"), boasting a record of 13 knockouts in 13 pro starts, won the unanimous verdict over Herman Duncan, L.A., at the Olympic Auditorium. Though he failed to make it 14 out of 14 by kayo, he solidly established himself with the Latin fans of this community, most loyal aficionados of boxeo in the whole wide world.

Referee Jimmy Wilson tabbed it 97-91; Judge Frankie Van, 98-91, and Judge Lee Grossman, 97-91. The gate, $5,850; estimated attendance, over 3,300.

Prior to his decisive triumph over Duncan, Vasquez had knocked out Kenny Davis in Mexico City. And not only can he dish it out: this 19-year-old youngster seems to be smarter, defensively, than other compatriots who have crossed the Rio Grande in recent months.

Ernest Harris, 134½, won the unanimous duke over switch-hitting Kenny Shields, 134, in the six-round semi. The fours: Rogelio Ybarra, 123, dec. Valentino Gloria, 120½; Billy Ryan, 137, dec. Joey Jacobs, 135½; and Rudy Nieto, 141, dec. Ralph Lemos, 136.

▶ Jimmy Moser, employed by Hogan (Kid) Bassey as chief sparmate when he was conditioning for the Pajarito Moreno title fight, must have picked up some valuable pointers from the Nigerian, for he came through with a 12th round TKO over Jose Luis Cotero at Hollywood Legion Stadium. It was a surprising upset; Cotero was solidly favored.

The gate, $4,120; attendance, estimated, 3,100.

The victory boosted Moser's stock considerably. It was the most important win of his career.

In the six-round semi, Jimmy Jackson, 137½, finished strong to win a split decision over Lem Miller, 138½, N. Y. The fours: Butch Martinez, 148, dec. Larry Mercer, 148½; Ray Fuentes, 158, dec. Pepe Barba, 162½; and Ward Yee, 124, dec. Orlando Espinosa, 126.

▶ Not in my territory—but Art Aragon attracted a crowd of 4,000 at Labuquerque, N. M., for his fight with Bobcat Bob Torrance in that city. Yes, Aragon won by a clean kayo in the 9th round. Torrance was downed twice in process, once in the 8th, again in the 9th—the last time by a chopping right to the jaw which laid him low for the count.

▶ Paulie Armstead, 135, L.A. product, earned a boost in the lightweight rankings by winning the unanimous decision over Baby Vasquez (not to be confused with Mauro Vasquez), 134, at the Olympic Auditorium. Vasquez was ranked 7th in the lightweight division by Nat Fleischer in the May issue of The Ring.

The scoring: Referee Charley Randolph, 98-93; Judge Dick Young, 97-94 and Judge Russ Bradford, 98-95.

Short description of the fight: Armstead consistently beat Vasquez to the punch, and dominated the action most of the way.

It was Paulie's 20th win in 23 pro starts. There were no knockdowns. Attendance estimated at 2,500.

The semi, slated for six, furnished some red-hot action. Abe Haynes, 140, San Diego, was floored early in the 1st round by Renato Torres, 137, Mexico City. He got up, and seconds later had Torres on the deck. Referee Dick Young halted hostilities in the 3rd round when Haynes was bombarding the Mexican boy with rights to the head.

The fours: Frank Lawson, 177, drew with Richard Wilburn, 173½; Don Howard, 151 KO (1) over Dorgan McWhorter, 150; and Terry Young, 128, dec. Arvil Burris, 124.

M'sieu Alphonse Weill had himself a real big night at Hollywood Legion Stadium, saddling two winners.

In the main event, Al's Idaho lightweight, Jimmy Grow, 136, scored his 34th kayo in 48 starts at the expense of Jimmy Lasiter (who now spells his name with one "s"), 136¼. The end came in Round 7, after Grow's second knockdown in that round.

Grow scored his first knockdown in the second heat, when a right to the jaw sent Lasiter to the deck for eight.

At the time the fight was stopped, Grow had a solid margin on all the official scorecards—and the unofficial ones, too.

The Idaho Irishman entered the ring 3-1 choice.

Weill's other entry, Dave Rent, Liverpool heavyweight, 190, easily triumphed over Sonny Moore, 186½, of Dallas, in the six-round semi. There were no knockdowns in this one, but Rent landed the harder punches.

The fours: Jimmy Hayes, 145, dec. Connie Citizen, 145; Karl Kimble, 147¼, KO (3) over Marvin Harvis, 147½, and Arvil Burris, 126, drew with Terry Young, 127¼.

▶ Speaking of Weill, he tossed a "coming-out" party for his stable at the swank Ambassador Hotel, with all local boxing writers on hand. Fighters "introduced" were Tony Marcilla of Buenos Aires, who was discovered in the Argentine by Abe Saperstein, brought to this country by the famed basketball impresario, and turned over to Weill for further development. This boy has promise. I saw him win decisively on the Robinson-Basilio card in Chicago.

Then, too, there were Grow and Rent, mentioned in the preceding paragraph; Jerry (Little) Firpo, purchased by Weill from Bob de la Fuentes; and handsome Billy Taylor, Columbia grad, and a middleweight.

▶ Nick Peters, who retired from the ring a dozen years ago after a busy career in lightweight and welter ranks, was involved in an auto accident, but not seriously injured. Nick (The Greek) was managed by George Parnassus, now the Olympic Auditorium matchmaker.

▶ Youthful Enrique Aceves racked up his 13th win in 15 pro starts at the Olympic Auditorium by scoring a unanimous decision over Noel Humphreys. Weights: Aceves, 123; Humphreys, 129.

The victory revived Aceves' waning prestige, for the lad had lost his two previous scraps by TKO.

There was no question about the verdict. Referee Frankie Van voted 99-89; Judge George Latka, 98-89, and Judge Charley Randolph 99-89. Humphreys suffered a cut eye in the 8th.

Aceves showed fine form. His left jab was accurate and punishing, and his right cross had plenty of authority.

The semi-final, billed for six, between Frank Rios, 117¼, Tijuana and Abe Villa, 115, L.A., was declared a technical draw in the second heat when the boys collided head-on. Both suffered injuries.

The fours: Ralph Bunch, 138, dec. Rudy Nieto, 138; Curt Jackson, 165, dec. Easie Williams, 161½, and Manuel Sifuentes, 122, KO (1) over Frank Osuna, 125.

▶ Norman Lockwood, President of the Boxing Guild of Southern California, and his fellow-members—all old friends—voted me an honorary membership in that organization, for which my sincere thanks. Nat Fleischer also has been made an honorary member.

▶ Baron Heinrich von Stumme seems to have a promising heavyweight in Karl-Heinz Wendt of Germany. The boy is big and handsome; weighs 220, and stands 6 feet, 3 inches. Of him, more anon.

Still untied and undefeated is Eddie Gaspora, 131, former Huntington Park footballer, by virtue of a 10th round knockout over Julian Velasquez, 130½, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. Favored at 2-1, Gaspora was trailing on all official score-cards when he connected with a right to the jaw, with only 44 seconds to go in the final heat. Velasquez fell to the floor, unconscious.

Velasquez, at the end of the 9th, was ahead, 87-84, on Referee Dick Young's score-card; Judge Russ Bradford had him ahead 88-84, and Judge Jimmy Wilson saw it 87-83, also for Julian.

It was a dramatic finish, and for a while it seemed as though another ring tragedy was impending. First report was frightening; there were rumors that Velasquez was suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage.

The boy was taken from the ring on a stretcher and rushed to a hospital; the following morning he was removed from the critical list after being in a state of shock for several hours.

Harry Kabakoff, Julian's pilot, announced that the boy was retiring from the ring. A wise decision.

Velasquez is a very popular youngster, and he takes with him the good wishes of everyone who knew him.

It was a big night for Antonio Marcilla, the Buenos Aires battler who was spotted by Abe Saperstein when the basketball impresario was down in the Argentine. Antonio, making his West Coast debut, won decisively over Joe Chavez, although handicapped by a somewhat damaged right hand. Marcilla, 145½, Chavez, 144. The verdict was unanimous, and Marcilla seems to have a bright future in the ring.

The fours: Al Gameros, 157, KO (1) over Rudy Smith, 157½; Rafael Gutierrez, 140, drew with Andy Solis, 138; and Pico Campo, 123, decisioned Val Gloria, 120½.

▶ Here are special items sent in by Jerry Mullany: San Francisco Cow Palace—San Francisco fans, though hard-boiled and practical, are also sensitive. For years they have heard the plaints of invading fighters about "robbery—Frisco hometown decision." So they demand that their local favorites win by a knockout or a lopsided point margin. When Eddie Machen put up one of his poorest fights, a thunderous volume of boos rocked the Cow Palace when Eddie was given a draw against Zora Folley, of Chandler, Ariz.

The deafening chorus of disapproval continued as Machen left the ring. When Folley started for his dressing room a few minutes later, the assemblage gave the No. 2 heavyweight contender a standing ovation.

All this despite the fact that Zora had, like Machen, carried on a super-cautious fight that turned the much heralded clash between top title aspirants into a somewhat disappointing spectacle.

Strangely, most of these fans (who did not get their money's worth), expressed satisfaction that the promoters were able to "make a buck." For the program was a success financially. The 12-rounder (on national TV with a local blackout) drew a gross of $95,755, paid by 11,759 customers. The after-taxes net was $82,724. Folley's payday (including TV money) totalled $33,000. Machen received a similar amount.

Folley piled up a big early margin with his accurate left jabs, punctuated with occasional cracking rights. Machen was effective in the late rounds with jarring left hooks. Most ringsiders, including Joe Louis, thought Folley retained his winning margin despite Machen's belated rally. Weights: Folley, 194; Machen, 191½.

Directing the program was the S.F. Boxing Club: Jim Pusateri and Abe Acquistapace, promoters; Benny Ford, matchmaker.

The scorecards—Referee Frankie Carter, 117-116 for Machen; Judge Fred Apostoli, 117-115, for Folley; Judge Jack Downey, 115-115, draw.

Preliminaries: Roger Rouse, 165, Opportunity, Idaho, scored TKO over Billy Ricks, 175, S.F., in 4; Herman Henry, 184, S.F., dec. John Carroll, 192, Phoenix, Ariz., in 6; Denny Moyer, 152, Portland, TKO'd Al Barbero, 153, S.F., in 3; Alfredo Zuany, 196, Mexico, stopped Cal Cooper, 180, Stockton, in 1.

Bill Miller's comment: Folley-Machen fight.

Didn't see the San Francisco "elimination" bout in person; for the good reason that I was in Cleveland, helping Abe Saperstein's Harlem Globetrotters publicity-wise. (We drew 10,201 people, nearly a sellout.) I saw it on TV.

I call it an "elimination bout" because from where I sat, in a comfortable Cleveland home, it seemed that both fighters had successfully eliminated themselves from serious consideration as opponents for Floyd Patterson.

And yet perhaps that is a mite rough on both boys.

Remember: ten months before Dempsey knocked out Jess Willard to win the heavyweight title in Toledo, he was whipped in a four-rounder by Willie Meehan in San Francisco.

Three years before Gene Hunney decisioned Dempsey at Philadelphia, he was tossed out of the ring—"no contest"—with Jack Renault of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. So that must have been much worse than the Folley-Machen affair. For them's the worst kind: you don't get paid.

Jim Braddock, in 1933, was also given the heaveho by the referee in Round 6 of his battle with Abe Feldman. (Battle? You should excuse the expression!) And in his fourth fight AFTER that disaster, he won the title from Max Baer.

Joe Louis was knocked out by Max Schmeling the year before he snatched the crown from Braddock.

And so it goes. It lies within the province of both Zora Folley and Eddie Machen to redeem themselves. One good win reinstates a heavyweight, though there is always some cuss who'll remind you of the bad fights and the "spots" on his record. Like me, for instance.

▶ Richmond—Jerry Mullany: For the past two years, Northern California promoters have had two gate attractions among the lightweights, Bobby Scanlon and Luke Easter. The promoters put off matching this pair as long as possible, knowing that this might eliminate one of the classy youngsters as a leading magnet. But they were finally paired against each other, and Scanlon scored an eight round TKO over Easter in the scheduled ten-round headliner at the Auditorium in Richmond. Weights: Scanlon, 134; Easter, 135.

Jimmy Cosenza, who had a leading part in developing both of these "meal tickets," counted an $8,185 gross in the Richmond promotion. It was an added Cosenza triumph because the program took place when record rains were flooding the entire Bay Area.

Easter won but one round, the fifth. By the close of the eighth, Easter's left eye was completely shut. There was also a half inch cut near the same optic. Easter's handlers refused to let him come out for the ninth. Frankie Carter refereed.

Fans were keenly interested in another bout, some looking for "another Marciano" in the person of heavyweight, Dave Rent, because Al Weill was in his corner. But Rent, an English import, was dropped in the first round by Puggy Jones of Los Angeles, and lost on a TKO in the second. Weights: Rent, 190; Jones, 170.

Four round results: Ronnie Perez, 124, dec. Willie Woods, 128; Johnny Milton, 153, outpointed Deacon Bryant, 147; Dave Brown, 146, dec. Jerry Hall, 149.

▶ Oakland—Three years ago Joey Giambra was only vaguely aware of the location of Oakland, Calif. Now it is unlikely that he will ever forget it, because it has become his "lucky city." The classy middleweight stylist won his third Oakland victory by decisioning Andy Mayfield, Miami veteran, in an action-filled ten rounder.

In previous Oakland battles, Joey moved high in the contender ranks with victories over Chico Vejar and Al Andrews. But the Oakland good luck charm did not carry across the bay to San Francisco, where Giambra lost by a wide decision margin to Rory Calhoun.

An eight months' layoff followed this setback, and Joey picked Oakland for his "comeback" bout against Mayfield. On account of Mayfield not being known to Oakland fans, the gate was only $2,500. Mayfield's determined showing won him a nice hand from the Oakland audience.

Jack Downey referred. Promoter was Jimmy Dundee, with Don Chargin as matchmaker. Point consensus for Giambra, 100-90. The battle was held at the Oakland Auditorium. Weights: Giambra, 160; Mayfield, 161.

Prelims: Vic Cardot, 138, TKO'd Ray Thomas, 142, in 5; Rocky Fumerelle, 156, stopped Honey Brown, 151, in 4; Jerry Hunicutt ,153, dec. Steve Mendoza, 152.

▶ Richmond—This city which usually lines up bouts that develop future attractions for other promoters, varied this pattern by rematching two flyweights who had put up a spirited battle a short time before in Los Angeles. In this second encounter, Jimmy Abeyta, 112, Oakland, went to a 12 round draw with Ramon Calatayud, 112, of Caracas, Venezuela and Jimmy got himself billed as a fight for the North American into 'The Ring' ratings.

Promoter Jimmy Cosenza's headliner was flyweight championship. It was the first boxing event competing on the same night with major league baseball in nearby San Francisco. Gross receipts were $1661.

Abeyta led in the early rounds, flooring Calatayud for a no count in the first. Ramon was effective in the middle rounds, with Abeyta staging a fast finish.

Calatayud had won the previous L.A. encounter by a sizeable point margin. He entered the Richmond ring a 2-1 favorite.

Johnny Wills, 137, Oakland, outpointed Johnny Guerrero, 138, Sacramento, in six rounds.

Other results: Tony Dominguez, 156, TKO'd Chet Sheppard, 165, in 3; Ocie Chatman, 184, stopped Leon Hatcher, 195, in 2; Gene Brasher, 163, halted Eddie Fields, 158, in 4.

▶ Sacramento—Two Los Angeles boxers had a satisfactory score after a foray into Sacramento. They engaged in a pair of ten rounders at Memorial Auditorium in the capital city. Rudy Jordan, 140, of L.A., went to a draw with Baby Leroy, 139, of Oakland. Julian Velasquez, 132, L.A. won a decision over Leo Agbulos, 133, Stockton.

The Jordan-Leroy encounter featured heavy cannonading at close quarters. Most observers thought Jordan set the faster pace and landed oftener, even though he had a puffed right eye which hampered his maneuvers through most of the contest.

In the second feature bout, Velasquez had Agbulos on the floor for 7 in the first round. Leo arose full of fight and floored Velasquez for five. From then on the action was consistently brisk, through both remained erect. The point score consensus for Velasquez was 96-93.

The gross gate was $2263.

Prelim fours: Thurman Lewis, 164, KO'd Sonny Pena, 159; Gorge Page, 137, dec. Ernie Virgen, 139.

▶ One of the longest shots of the current year was Dwight Hawkins, 124, when he romped to a split decision win over heavily favored Auburn Copeland, 127, at the Olympic Auditorium. Ringside odds ran as high as 10-1 in favor of Copeland, and the betting gentry took quite a bath. There were 3-1 odds offered that Hawkins wouldn't go the distance.

All the "experts" tabbed Copeland. Originally, Copeland was booked to battle Jimmy Moser, but Moser suffered an injury to his nose a couple of days before the fight and Hawkins was substituted. Oddly enough, Moser's nose injury was inflicted by Hawkins, who was his spar-mate; it happened in a gymnasium workout.

The scoring: Referee Dynamite Jackson, 96-94; Judge Joey Olmos, 95-94, both for Hawkins; Judge Lee Grossman, 96-95 for Copeland. Attendance was estimated as 1500 by Mort Moss, Examiner.

In the six-round semi-final, Richard Page, 125½, won the unanimous verdict over Joey Mazon, 125, scoring a knockdown in the 3rd. The fours: Curt Jamison, 165, decisioned Bobby Harris, 166; Connie Citizen, 150½ and Vince Davi, 151½, boxed a draw; and Ernie Harris, 130½, triumphed over Johnny Dell, 128½.

▶ To the utter surprise of nobody, Boots Monroe, 119½, scored a 5th round TKO over Hector Rodriguez, Mexicali, 124½, at Hollywood Legion Stadium before a crowd estimated at 2200. There were no knockdowns, but Monroe had his opponent in a bad way when Referee Tommy Hart stopped the scrap after 1:56, Round 5.

It was Monroe's 15th pro win in 16 starts, and he'll probably challenge Billy Peacock for the state bantamweight title. That one should pack 'em in.

Rodriguez suffered a cut eye in the fourth.

In the six-round semi, Ward Yee, 125½ and Cha Cha Uribe, 127, boxed a draw. Most of the fans thought the Pasadena Chinaman had the edge. The fours: Larry Mercer, 147, KO (1) over Karl Kimble, 146; Bob Smith, 177, dec. Pete Alexander, 176; and Gil Gonzalez, 124, dec. Charlie Marshall, 124.

▶ In the early years of the century, when San Francisco was the world's leading title fight center, this was a frequent sports page notation: "The champion is training at Milletts, in Colma." This exciting fistic era was received by the death of Joseph Francis Millett, aged 81. Millett's demise followed a five year illness.

Born in Colma, a San Francisco suburb, Joe established the famous Millett training quarters four years before the 1906 earthquake.

Included in the list of notables who trained there were Joe Gans, Battling Nelson, Stanley Ketchel, Jack Johnson, Harry Wills, Willie Ritchie, Freddy Welsh, the Sullivan Twins, Luther McCarty, Sam Langford, Dick Hyland and Abe Attell.

The Millett training quarters flourished from 1902 to 1914, after which restrictive state laws limited boxing to four round "exhibitions." In 1916 the champ burned down, and was never restored.

Before his Colma venture, Joe Millett was a busy heavyweight boxer. He won the S.F. Olympic Club heavyweight title, and the Pacific Coast amateur heavyweight crown. He left the pro ranks after a creditable victory string, his victims including Martin Hart and Gus Ruhlin. Ruhlin and Hart later became top title threats in the Jeffries-Tommy Burns era.

A Good Drawing Card. Joey Giambra, classy middleweight stylist, scored his third victory at Oakland, Calif., since making the West Coast his headquarters. Latest victim was Andy Mayfield, previous wins were over Chico Vejar and Al Andrews.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan Copeland

AT THE PANAMA MUNICIPAL GYMNASIUM, THE TORRES Brothers, promoters, staged a boxing show featuring Prince Johnson of New York against our ex-bantamweight champion, Melvin Bourne, with Johnson winding up with the decision over ten rounds. Johnson weighed 127, Bourne, 125½.

Rudolfo (Tito) Marshall, 126¼, scored a unanimous six round decision over Roberto Murillo, 122½. Ray Best, 126¼, stopped Salvador Molina, 121, in the fourth round.

Roy Thoikey, 122¼, and Serafin Garcia, 121¼, battled to a four round draw.

▶ In another Torres Brothers promotion, former featherweight champion Federico Plummer, 134½, stopped Horacio Otis, 134¾, in the ninth round. Otis is our lightweight champion, but this was a non-title match.

Enrique Perea, 131½, gained a split ten round decision over Rudolfo (Bobo) Francis, 128¾. Baby Fenghe, 126½, knocked out Mario Rivas, 126½, in the second round.

▶ The Torres Brothers brought back Prince Johnson at the Panama Municipal Gymnasium, this time the New Yorker losing a ten round decision to Jesus Santamaria, 126¼. Johnson weighed 126½.

Hector Hicks, 119½, knocked out Roy Thoikey, 121¼, in the fifth round. Serafin Garcia, 124, won a four round decision over Leonardo McIndoo, 124.

Cisco Kid, 116½, decisioned Raton Gudino, 118, in a four rounder.

BOXING IN OKLAHOMA CITY
By Robert Johnson

MERLE LINDSAY, OKLAHOMA CITY FIGHT PROMOTER, HAD another full house.

Rudy Gonzales, 134, Dallas, kayoed John Flint, 138, Oklahoma City, in the second round. Henry Watson, 142, Dallas, stopped Floyd Stanbrough, Oklahoma City, in 2.

Wayne Whitner, 192, Chickasha, Okla., stopped Glen Brown, 186, Oklahoma City, in the second round. Roy Sparks, 148, Dallas, stopped Hestal Frank, 147, Oklahoma City, because of a cut eye.

Jackie Blair, 140, Dallas, won a split decision over Cecil Courtney, 144, Oklahoma City, in a ten rounder.

FIGHTS OF THE MONTH

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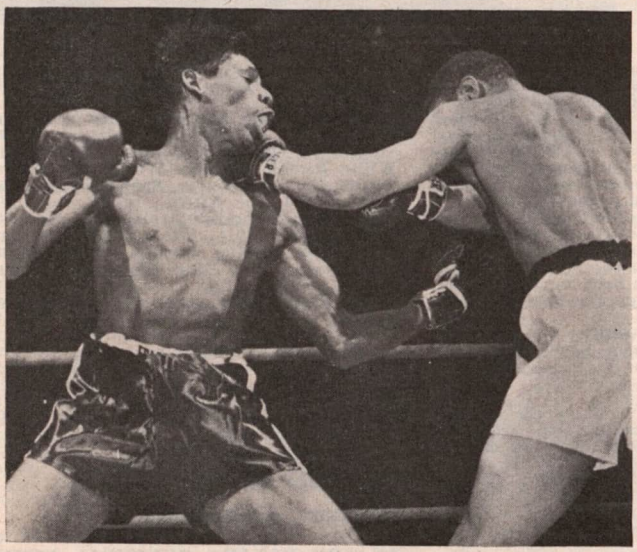

Jesse Bowdry, young St. Louis light heavyweight, jolts Clarence Hinnant with a left to the head during battle at Chicago Stadium. Bowdry won unanimous ten round decision.

MILLER MAULED

Tony Anthony (right), high ranking light heavy, literally mauled Art Miller in mismatch at St. Nicholas Arena, New York, Miller finally being kayoed in sixth round.

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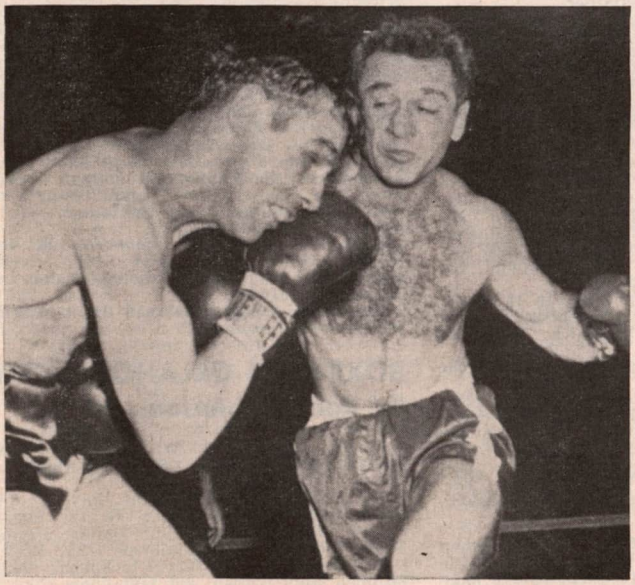
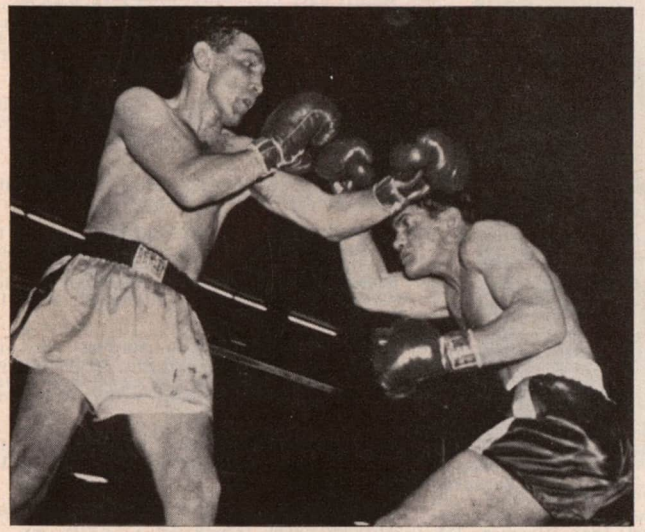


Vince Martinez (right), the fighter with finesse, wades into Armand Savoie of Montreal en route to stopping him in seventh round at Boston, a tune up before title bout with Virgil Akins.

CUMMINGS GOING

Stefan Redl (left), Passaic, N. J., welterweight, receives right to body thrown by Charlie Cummings of Philadelphia in St. Nick's battle. Redl won unanimous ten round decision.

HAS ANYBODY HERE SEEN KELLY?

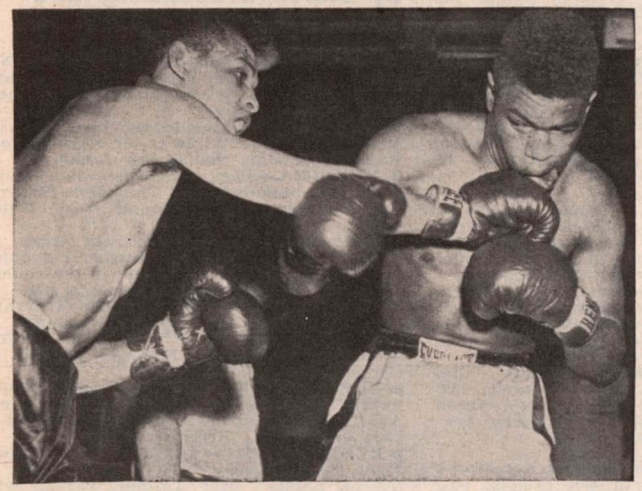


Willie Pep (left), former world featherweight champ, tries to find Jimmy Kelly, Lowell, Mass., with a left as opponent blocks and weaves out of way. Pep gained decision.

RIVERS STAY WAY FROM MY DOOR

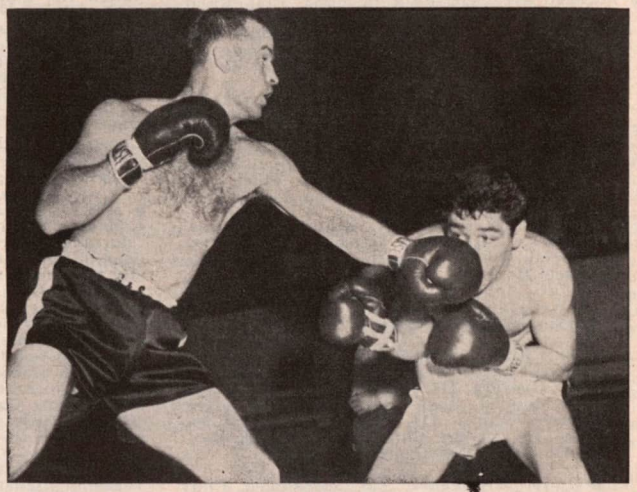
Bobby Boyd (right) gets tagged with a left to the chest by Neal Rivers in middleweight battle between ranking boys at Chicago Stadium. Boyd defeated Rivers in ten.

THE FRENCH TOUCH



Lahouari Godih, lightweight champion of France, made his American debut a highly successful one with ten round decision over Larry Baker (right), getting tagged with a right, at Washington, D. C.

LEFT ALONG THE WAY



The long lefts of Frankie Ryff (left), New York lightweight, left Johnny Gorman on the short end of a ten round decision in battle at St. Nicholas Arena, New York.

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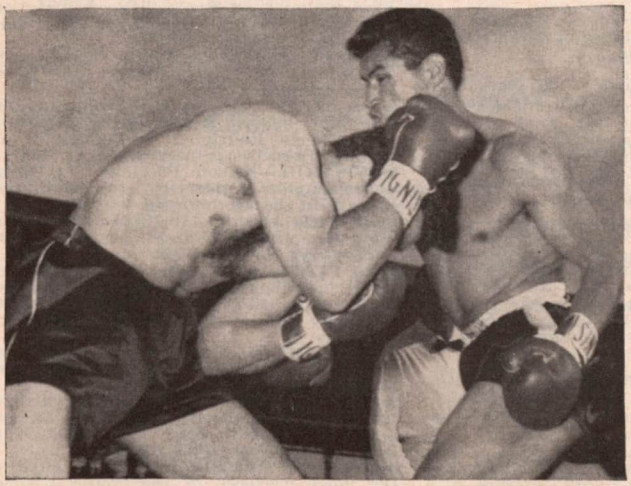
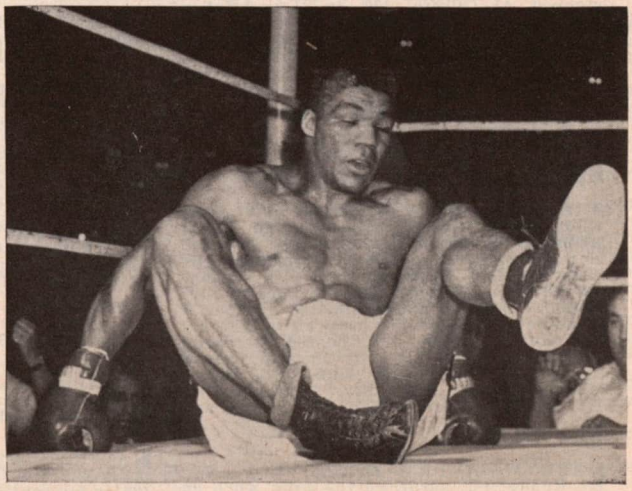


Duilio Loi (left), European lightweight champion, covers up as Mexico's Al Nevarez pounds away in Milan, Italy bout. Decision, given to Loi, was greeted by boos and whistles.

SIT-DOWN STRIKE



Joey Giardello landed the big sit-down strike twice in middleweight battle with Rory Calhoun (seated above) at San Francisco, Calif., and went on to win ten round decision.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE INTERNATIONAL FIGHT between bantamweights Joe Becerra, local boy, and Miguel Lazu, Cuba, the Mexico City promoter did not have any outstanding cards throughout the month of April.

▶ Eloy Sanchez, 118, stopped Roque Fernandez, 118, in four. Enrique Castillo, 134, decisioned Sergio Contreras, 135, in eight. Sardito Guerra, 118, decisioned Monito Luna, 118, in eight. Pichon Reyes, 147, stopped Juan Estrada, 146, in one. Gorilon Villafuerte, 118, stopped David Sanchez, 118, in the fourth and last round.

▶ Eduardo Guerrero, 118, stopped Chuy Rodriguez, 118, in the tenth round. Ignacio "Tuntun" Torres, 118, decisioned Jose "Generalito" Galvan, 118, in ten. Nacho Dominguez, 126, decisioned Jaibo Carranza, 126, in eight. Roberto Rodriguez, 112, decisioned Juan Ayala, 112, in six. Pulgarcito Rodriguez, 118, decisioned Santos Gutierrez, 118, in four.

▶ Ray Ruiz, 114, decisioned Guillermo Gonzalez, 118, in ten. Juanito Mendoza, 118, and Zurdo Arce, 118, drew in eight. Juan Ramirez, 126, decisioned Arnulfo Palomares, 127, in eight. Luis Aguilera, 119, decisioned Pancho Caballero, 118, in six. Max Huerta, 118, stopped Roman Mireles, 120, in two.

▶ Joe Becerra, 118, stopped Miguel Lazu, 117, Cuba, in seven. Javier Garfias, 118, decisioned Chiquis Rosales, 118, in ten. Gabriel Herrera, 126, stopped Erasmo Garcia, 126, in six. Guillermo Castillo, 125, won by a disqualification over Pedro Ortega, 126, in four. Fidel Cruz, 118, decisioned Juanito Saldana, 118, in four.

▶ Angel Guerrero, 128, decisioned Hilario Morlaes, 127, in ten. Carlos Arregui, 134, stopped Juanito Martinez, 134, in seven. Marcel Montoya, 118, decisioned Alberto Soto, 118, in eight. Sammy Garcia, 117, stopped Billy Carey, 118, in five. Raul Loya, 118, decisioned Felipe Valencia, 118, in four.

▶ Ray Ruiz, 112, decisioned Alejo Mejia, 118, in ten. Chucho Hernandez, 118, stopped Antonio Guevara, 118, in six. Cosme Maldonado, 134, stopped Juan Leyva, 135, in eight. Cuervo Salinas, 114, decisioned Sergio Badillo, 114, in six. Chino Castelan, 126, decisioned Gume Rodriguez, 126, in four.

▶ Roque Fernandez, 118, decisioned Chuy Rodriguez, 117, in ten. Indio Conde, 132, stopped Ranchero Ruiz, 135, in eight. Eduardo Lozano, 148, stopped Jesus Moreno, 149, in three. Leonardo Lopez, 115, stopped Alfonso Tinajero, 116, in five. Manuel Luna, 133, decisioned Otilo Acosta, 132, in four.

▶ Javier Garfias, 118, stopped Cheto Fernandez, 118, in six. Eduardo Almazan, 136, stopped Al Olivera, 136, in three. Ruben Cadena, 135, stopped Raul Torres, 139, in six. Zurdo Mexicaltzingo, 124, stopped Nicolas Rangel, 126, in two. Chucho Rico, 116, stopped Xochimilca Jimenez, 118, in three.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

ARENA OLIMPICA — GOMEZ PALACIO GREGORIO "GOYO" FLORES, 119, FAR BEYOND his normal boxing weight—was too slow for cute veteran Cheto Fernandez, 118, who won the 10-round bout over unconquered Goyo. It seems that the Laguna Flyweight Champion underestimated his foe.

In the 10-round semi, hard hitter Antonio "Zorrito" Ramirez, 139, floored Bernardo "Borrado" Flores, 138, four times to score a 3-round kayo. Gustavo Ohm, 123, halted Manuel Varela, 127, in three. Luis Gonzalez, 112, decisioned Martin Varela, 116, in six. Julian Saucedo, 117, outpointed Pedro de Haro, 110, in four.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA—Gomez Palacio.—Sergio Gomez, 132, surprised the gang when he landed a terrific right cross to Antonio "Zorrito" Ramirez's chin and put his man out in three rounds. Zorrito, 137, was the favorite.

Pascual Jimenez (Kid Filipino), 132, bested Federico "Chino" Gonzalez, 128, after ten hard rounds. Oscar Salazar, 110, upset Luis Gonzalez, 108, in eight rounds. Antonio "Tony" Martinez, 137, iced Juan Alonzo, 134, in four. David Luna, 118, bolted Gabriel Sanchez, 117, in the third.

▶ PLAZA DE TOROS—Torreon.—The fans packed the house to see the ballyhooed fight between Cesar "Chino" Saavedra, 131, and Felipe Sosa, 132. It was a good setup.

Saavedra visited the canvas five times and his foe six times.

In the ninth round, Sosa landed a right uppercut to Cesar's solar plexus and the curtain dropped for good. The fans didn't like the ending and bottles, chairs and seat-pillows flew around the ring.

In the 10-round semi-final, Antonio "Lefty" Martinez, 118, got the decision over Bernardo de la Cruz, 117. Raul Olmos, 118, and Juan Figueroa, 116, drew in eight rounds. Chamaco Rodriguez, 117, stopped Juan Jimenez, 117, in the second. Julian Saucedo, 116, bested Juan Sandoval, 117, in four rolls.

▶ ARENA OLIMPICA — Gomez Palacio. — Claudio Adame, 129, stopped Fidel Lucero, 132, in four rounds. Lucero was bleeding from his right eyebrow due to a butt suffered in the second round and the doctor halted the bout. They declared Adame the winner by a 4-round technical knockout.

Octavio Salas, 142, dropped Pepe Lopez, 146, three times to score a 3-round kayo triumph. Veteran Serapio "Sapito" Jimenez, 119, started his comeback campaign by KO'ing Tino Hernandez, 119, in three. Antonio "Tony" Martinez, 142, stopped Beto Ruelas, 141, in the second. Faustino "Choco" Lucero, 126, kid brother of Fidel Lucero, decisioned Kid Charol (Alfonso Flores), 22, in the 4-round preliminary.

▶ ARENT OLIMPICA — Gomez Palacio. — Rodolfo "Chivo" Diaz, 137, iced Bernardo "Borrado" Flores, 137, in two rounds. Chivo floored Flores four times in the first round and two more in the second.

Gustavo Ohm, 122, kid brother of German, made his debut in a ten rounder with success. His left hook into Ernesto Villa's midsection sent his rival to sleep in two rounds. Villa weighed 124.

Luis Gonzalez, 110, stopped Gilberto Villa, 121, in the first round. Chilano Garcia, 139, iced Tony Martinez, 138, in one. Jesus "Chuca" Rodriguez, 127, halted Nicho Aragon, 128, in the second.

▶ HUIXTLA—Antonio Coria, 126, outpointed Terrible Llanero, 128, in ten rounds. San Lorenzo Kid, 136, stopped Polaquito Lopez, 133, Cuba, in fifth.

▶ TAPACHULA—High-ranked Joe Becerra, 119, beat Hector Agundez, 121, in ten rough rounds. Papelero Garcia, 127, decisioned Roberto Lagunes, 126, also in ten. San Lorenzo Kid, 136, nailed Koki Sanchez, 130, in seven.

▶ REYNOSA—Battiling Torres, 125, hard hitting frontier boy, whipped veteran Oscar Torres, 124, in ten rounds.

▶ PARRAL—Raul Anchondo, 136, scored another triumph when he stopped Kid Pancho, 140, in six rounds.

▶ ACAPULCO—Angel Guerrero, 125, halted veteran Baby Rivera, 122, in two rounds. Marcelino Gomez, 120, and Pedro Samano, 119, drew in the 8-round semi.

▶ SAN FRANCISCO DEL ORO—Baby Concer (Roberto Garcia), 145, stopped Alex Castro, 149, in six. Raul Anchondo, 135, nailed Rafael Vazquez, 133, in nine rounds.

▶ FRESNILLO—Ricardo Manzanillo Jr., 126 got a 10-round draw with Lupe Garcia, 133. Joe Alanis, 145, halted Pepe Garcia, 148, in six.

▶ ACAPULCO—Pedro Rocha, 124, outscored Efrain Quintana, 121, in ten fast rounds. Jose Lomeli, 117, and Martin Zamora, 118, drew in eight.

▶ ACUNA—Lucio "Borracho" Gonzalez, 129, easily whipped tough-rough Fidel Hernandez, 138, in ten rounds. Manuel "Chamaco" Castro, 143, outpointed Kanguro Martinez, 148.

▶ MONTERREY—Kid Anahuac, 125, won from Chucho Mejia, 126, in ten rounds. Johnny Pelaez, the manager of Mejia, angrily objected to the verdict and he challenged Pancho Rosales, Anahuac's manager, to a new fight with all the money for the victor. Hector Esqueda, 130, was too experienced for newcomer Feliciano "Chano" Barrientos, 127, and he got the duke after ten rounds.

▶ MATAMOROS—Raul Leanos, 118, stopped Gino Tovar, 117, in three rounds. Kid Popeye, 133, halted Raymundo Garza, 135, also in three.

▶ TIAJUANA—Kid Irapuato, 121, outpointed Jose Luis Mora, 119, in ten rounds.

▶ ACAPULCO—Carlos Cardoso, 118, the Caleta Beach Golden Hawk, son of glorious Enrique Cardoso, surprised topnotcher Joe Medel, 117, when he won a 10-round decision. Adrian Rojas, 117, bested Alex Jimenez, 118, in the second tenner.

▶ MONTERREY—Hector Garcia, 129, only needed one round to send Silvestre Villarreal, 130 to the cleaners. In 2.40 of the first round, Hector landed his right cross and ended the bout.

▶ CULIACAN—Guillermo "Memo" Gonzalez, 118, won the decision over Torito Moto, 117, in ten rounds.

▶ TAPACHULA—Raton Vargas, 120, upset Antonio Coria, 124, in ten.

▶ LA PAZ—Memo Ayon, 150, got a very surprising duke over the favorite Al Mendoza, 154, in ten rough rounds. Aztequita Sonorense, 123, halted Conejo Amador, 127.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA
By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

BUENOS AIRES.—IN LUNA PARK RING, WELTERWEIGHT Jorge J. Fernandez kayoed Alfonso Moreno in the first round. Receipts: $51.324.—

▶ **BAHIA BLANCA.**—On the "Palacio de los Deportes", middleweight Oscar Rojas kayoed Ramon Oliva in the second round.

▶ **MENDOZA.**—The Argentine and South American bantamweight champion Roberto Castro drew in ten round with Guido Granizo.

▶ **MAR DEL PLATA.**—In the ring of "Bristol Stadium", the ex-feather champion Manuel Alvarez won on points in ten rounds over Aldo Gamboa. Receipts: $24.158.

▶ **TUCUMAN.**—Flyweight Horacio Acavvallo kayoed Vincente Bruno in five rounds.

▶ **VILLA PIAGGIO.**— Adalberto Ochoa, welterweight, stopped Eduardo Pereyra in the sixth round.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.**—Manolo Garcia, featherweight champion of Spain, drew with ex-Argentine champion Alfredo Bunetta in a very good fight. Receipts: $376,814.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.**— In the Luna Park ring, Juan Carlos Ducay, welterweight, won in ten on points over Antonio Varela, who had been undefeated and Miguel Angel Aguero, in the same class kayoed Santiago Minelli in seven. Receipts: $30.356.

▶ **CORDOBA.**—The undefeated lightweight Tristan Falfan, who fought in the Olympic Games at Melbourne, won on points in 10 rounds over Julio Febres, of Peru. Febres was dropped twice.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.**—In Luna Park Ring, Fred Galiana, of Spain kayoed undefeated lightweight Pedro Benelli in the third. Receipts: $444,680.

▶ **RIO CUARTO.**— The Middleweight Marcelo Videla, kayoed Luis Britos in the fourth. Brito dropped twice.

▶ **LA PLATA.**—"Pulgarcito" Julio Buggioni, flyweight, kayoed Hector Coria in the fifth and Alberto Rodriguez, welterweight, outpointed Francisco Ciucci in ten.

▶ **ROSARIO.**—Nelson Poccione, lightweight and champion of this city, stopped Eduardo Cartelli in the ninth round.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.**— In Luna Park stadium, Juan Campos, lightweight, kayoed Transito Villagra in the third. Receipts: $23.852.

▶ **LA PLATA.**—The welterweight of Panama, Frederick Thompson kayoed Santiago Meza in the fifth. Meza was dropped once. Julio Caminos, middleweight, kayoed Aldo Garcia in five.

▶ **PERGAMINO.**—Francisco Ciucci, a hard puncher in the welter division, kayoed Jorge Cambiasso in the second.

▶ **BUENOS AIRES.**—The undefeated lightweight Osvaldo Canete, won on points over ten rounds of a good fight with Angel Olivieri. Receipts: $193,600.

▶ **MAR DEL PLATA.**—At "Bristol" Stadium, the good prospect in the welter division, Jorge J. Fernandez, stopped Adolfo Igriega in the sixth round and Manuel Alvarez, ex-feather Argentine champion, stopped Gregorio Oliva in seven.

▶ **TUCUMAN.**—The undefeated welterweight Ramon Paz, drew in 10 with Angel Ahumada.
▶ **SAN JUAN.**—Lightweight Elio Ripoll won the decision in 10 rounds over veteran Rafael Azuaga.
▶ **CORDOBA.**—In the ring at "Cordoba Sport Club", a good boy Oscar Rojas, in the middle division, stopped Roberto Biduzzi in seven.
▶ **MENDOZA.**—The No 1 Argentine feather, Raul Vargas, drew in 10 round with ex-feather champion Manuel Alvarez. The receipts were a record in this city: $73.500.
▶ **SAN JUAN.**— Dante "Red" Rodriguez, welterweight, kayoed Raman Coceres in seven. Receipts: $24.759.
▶ **CORDOBA.**—Frederick Thompson, welterweight, stopped Angel Bello in eight.
▶ **LA PLATA.**—Lightheavyweight Carlos Paiva kayoed Abel Escalante in three and Juan Carlos Nicoletti (Kid Rulite) stopped Julio Buff in five in a middleweight bout.
▶ **MAR DEL PLATA.**—In the ring of "Bristol" Stadium, Ubaldo Sacco, third in the "ranking" of middle division, won in -10 over Ramon Perello.
▶ **TUCUMAN.**—Jovito Arregui, a good prospect for the Argentine vacant lightheavy title, kayoed Miguel Paz in six.

ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

IT WAS A BATTLE OF CHAMPIONS WHEN ANDRES SELPA, 159, Argentina, middleweight champion of South America, tangled with Sugar Boy Nando, 156, Aruba, middleweight champion of the Netherlands West Indies and the Caribbean Area, in the 10-round main event of Promoter Steffanie's boxing card at the Swingsters Square Garden. The fight was a slugfest from start to finish and after it was all over the fight was declared a draw to the satisfaction of all concerned.

In another slugfest of 8 rounds, Kid Fenton, 151, Aruba, continued his winning ways by pounding out a unanimous decision over game but out of condition Little Dynamite, 168, Curacao, who substituted for Eduardo Kasters at the last moment.

Buddy Baer, 158, St. Martin, also fought to a 6-round draw with Luis Mayarino, 161, Colombia. Roughhouse Kid, 155, Aruba, pounded out an easy decision over Kid Zorzal, 145, Aruba, in another 6-rounder, while Kid Walcott, 134, Aruba, edged out a close decision over tough Kid Ambrosio, 134, Aruba.

BAHAMAS BOXING NEWS
By Chris W. Malakius

BIMINI—YAMA BAHAMA, 151¾, middleweight king of Bimini, outpointed Ray Shepard 153, Miami, in a ten-round bout staged at Butler's Auditorium.

▶ Nassau—Approximately 5,000 fans were on hand at the new Sports Centre, Dakes Field to see Yama Bahama, 151½, Bimini score a TKO over Clarence "Cat" Robinson, 150, Jacksonville, Fla., in 50 seconds of the 4th round in a scheduled ten-rounder.

In a co-feature Art Finney, 147¾, Miami, was no match for Gumeo Brennan, 147, Bimini, and was knocked-out in 2:15 of the second round, the win was Gumeo second in less than three days.

Willie Pastrano "The Ring's" third rank heavyweight, was the referee.

Henry "Rock" Ferguson, 137, Nassau, outfought Battling Bouglas, 136½, Bimini, for the lightweight title of the Bahamas.

Oswald Archer, 150, decisioned Killer Moss 151, in 4. "The Panther", 169, stopped Bruiser Mott, 171, in 2.

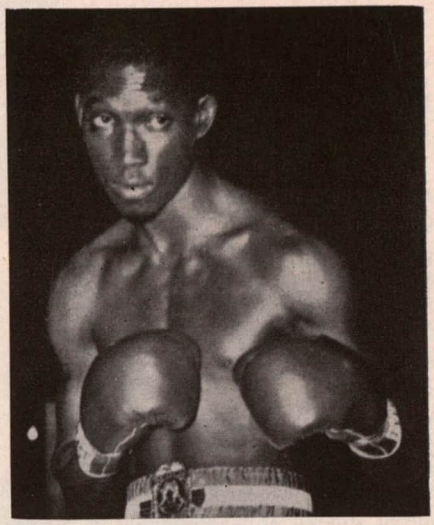
NEWS FROM CUBA
By Dr. Jorge A. Vieites

HAVANA: A NEW WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE ISLAND was crowned when Oswaldo (Kid Fichique) Santiuste, 145¾, won an easy decision in twelve rounds from Champ Miguel (La Diabla) Diaz, 146¾.

Cuba's Jr. lightweight champ, promising Angel (Robinson) Garcia, won the unanimous verdict in ten from Johnny Palmer, 134¾, from Columbus, Ohio. Garcia scored "downs" in the fourth and sixth rounds to clinch the votes.

Hiram Bacallao, 113½, undefeated in 8 fights (scored 6 kayoes he is handled by former feather contender Fillo Echeverria), looked like the next Cuban flyweight champ when he impressively scored downs in the third and fourth rounds, and finally scored a t.k.o. in the sixth over veteran Johnsito Rodiguez, 115¾.

Kike Casanovas, 118¾, won in six fast rounds from Eddie Botello, 114½; and Urtimio Ramos, 125¾, stopped Felix Pomares, 125, in 2 rds.



Sugar Boy Nando, middleweight champion of the Dutch West Indies who turned in an impressive performance by battling to a ten round draw with South American Champion Andres Selpa in his last fight. Nando a good boxer-puncher has won 38 of 49 bouts, scoring 20 kayos including Sammy Walker, Young Tunney, Sam Langford, Jerry Fowler and winning from Wim Snoek, Jimmy Ford, Ismael Espana, Fernando Spallotta. Three of his losses were close decisions to high ranking Jimmy Beecham. Nando hopes to campaign in America shortly.

Havana: Guillermo Diaz, 156, stopped Andres Gonzalez, 159, in the ninth. Luis M. Rodriguez, 147, won easily in ten from veteran Tony Armenteros, 146¾, who announced his retirement after the fight.

Doug Vaillant, 129, stopped Luis Gonzalez, 129, in 2. Julian Yanes, 145¼, stopped Juan Campoy, 147¾, in 5. Isaac Espinosa, 129, stopped Miguel Torres, 131, in 4.

Havana: Cuban light-heavy champ, Julio Carreras, 159¼, lost a non-title ten rounder to promising Paul Diaz, 155½, whom he had beaten very closely some weeks ago. Diaz scored a knockdown in the fifth to clinch the unanimous vote.

Chico Morales, 130¾, won in eight from Wilfredo Gonzalez, 127. Florentino Fernandez, 136¾, stopped Flash Champman, 138¼, in the sixth.

Aldo Hernandez, 131½, won in four from Tony Zaldivar, 135. Erundino Lopez, 117½, drew in 4 with Esteban Sanchez, 118.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

LEO ESPINOSA, 121 SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED HIS PHILIPPINE FEATHERWEIGHT title by outpointing Manuel Armenteros, 124, of Cuba in 12 rounds at the Coliseum. The Cuban became a novice before the fast and clever Filipino. Leo outgeneralled and outpunched the Cuban, who failed to land his haymaker, that had downed Asuncion and Danny Kid in his two ring appearances. Promoter Mamerto Besa had his hands full in accommodating the ringsiders and the press.

Armey Wonder Boy, 126 drew with Baby Gony, 125, in 10 round supporting main event. Angel Boy, 119, decisioned Villeza Villar, 118, in 10. Baby Demilliones, 106, outpointed Baby Espinosa, 110, in another 10 rounder. Pio Tatel, 112, bested Nestor Roy Sison, 112, in 6. Buddy Sacramento, 124, whipped Johnny Nabor, 124, in 6. Jess de Leon, 115, kayoed Kid Balones, 116, in 4. And Fighting Solis, 110, defeated Ciano Salonga, 112, in 4 rounder.

▶ Fighting San Carlos, 134, badly outpointed Larry Fernandez, 135, in 8 round main event in Baguio City. Johnny Jamito, 119, defeated Harry Hardman, 122, in 6. Ray Cerdan, 122, bested Mario Manuel, 118, in 6. Chito Santos, 117, outboxed Johnny Caballes, 112, in 6.

▶ Baby Naven, 138, kayoed Dommy Dorendez, 139, in the second round in Roxas, Isabela. P. de Marco, 118, halted Fighting Litcheria, 119 in 4.

▶ Golden Boy, 116, defeated Boy Arturo, 117, in 6 rounds in Santiago, Isabela. Nick Johnson, 132, kayoed Vizcaya Liner, 130, in 5. Dommy Perez, 108 bested Baby Guevarra, 108, in 6. Tony Cruz, 125, kayoed Flash Jessie, 125, in 2.

▶ Baby Carlos, 119, defeated Teo Castaneda, 119, in 8 rounds in Lucena, Quezon. Romy Sison, 114, badly outpointed, Fighting Cito, 112, in 6. Rush Benny, 112, defeated Rad Capistrano, 117, in 6. Young Coling, 120, decisioned Baby Mario, 120, in 4. Flory Melicia, 116 outpointed Baby De Agata, 112, in 4.

▶ Gil Flores, 127, outpointed Rocky Moises, 129, in 8 rounds in Camiling, Tarlac. Primo Corpuz, 128, drew with Kid Johnson, 129, in 6. Mar Flores, 118, halted Smart Braulio, 117, in 1. Gerry Corpuz, 116, decisioned Monte Cristo, 110, in 4.

▶ Kid Tony, 140, drew with Star Matnog, 142, in Tagkawayan, Quezon. It was a very unpopular decision. Joe Espinosa, 119, bested Kid Romero, 113, in 6. Young Sosing, 129, bested Ric Monde, 120, in 6.

▶ Young Cesar, 128, decisioned Star Viasca, 126, in 6 rounds in San Isidro, Nueva Ecija. Rufi Pineda, 125, defeated Kid Aske, 126, in 6. Roy Buena, 118, halted Tany Gonzales, 116, in 2. Clever Concepcion, 118, outpointed Baby Ramos, 118, in 4.

▶ Waling Waling Boy, 112, whipped Piano Salonga, 113, in 6 rounds in Calamba, Laguna. Johnny Bon, 120, decisioned Rose Tattoo, 124, in 6. Waling Waling Boy Jr., 112, halted Guadalupe Boy, 112, in 2. Kid Manuel, 122, kayoed Mamatid Boy, 120, in 3.

▶ Ray Cerdan, 118, decisioned Bert Medran, 116, in 8 rounds in Pinama layan, Mindoro Oriental. Little Historillo, 105, halted Frankie Mabini, 105, in 3. Terrible Maxiem, 94, kayoed Baby Gutierres, 90, in 5.

▶ Mighty Bargan, 135, drew with Flash Menny, 130, in 10 rounds in Baguic City. Puyas Boy, 126, defeated Ben Ferrer, 124, in 10. Harry Hardman, 120 drew with Buddy Sacramento, 122, in 6. Johnny Jamito, 120, bested Cagayan Boy, 126, in 6.

BOXING IN SINGAPORE
By Little Nene

APPEARING IN HIS SIXTH MAIN EVENT FIGHT IN as many promotions locally since arriving here four months ago, RAY MING CHAN, 123, featherweight champion of Singapore, dropped a very close ten round decision to SARICA YONTRAKIT, 123, Thailand featherweight champion and fourth ranking Oriental contender. In the ninth canto, Sarica, who knew he was trailing, in desperation, caught the Singapore champion with solid lefts to the jaw and right uppercuts to the ribs which had Ming Chan in a bad state. Ming survived the round and shared the honor in the last frame.

Chua Gim Chiang, 110, and number one flyweight of Singapore, stopped DARACHIA SAMANCHAI, 106, tenth ranking flyweight of Thailand, in the fourth round.

Sonny Chia, 130, iced veteran Kid Pancho, 129, in the sixth of an affair which was thrilling while it lasted.

Steve Haydock, 126, Manchester, England, kayoed Kwan Seng, 119, in the third, while unbeaten prelim boy Seng Leong, 117, outpointed Rugged Angelo, 116, in another four rounder.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

STAN HARRINGTON, HONOLULU WELTERWEIGHT, KNOCKED out Rocky Kalingo, champion of the Philippines in the eighth round at the Honolulu Stadium.

The long awaited, once postponed bout went lacking for thrills because it turned out a one-sided fight. Kalingo was simply outclassed. He went down six times before he was finally counted out. In the sixth, on his fifth trip to the floor, he was saved by the bell at the count of eight.

Harrington scored his first two knockdowns in the first round, the first time with a right to the chin, and the second with a right to the body. It looked like a knockout win for Harrington in the next couple rounds, but the fight dragged on and on mostly due to Harrington's inability to follow up his advantage. Harrington won easily but his performance wasn't anything to rave about. Harrington weighed 149¼ to Kalingo's 146¾.

Promoted by Bill Pacheco, the fight grossed $16,340.00 with 5,824 fans in attendance.

Floyd Gatiuan, 120, beat Frank Mehio, 120½ in 6 rounds.

Dan Santiago, 137¾, and Yutaka Saikawa, 138, fought to a four round draw.

Walter Vares, 135, outpointed Dan Melendez, 134¾ in 4 rounds and Yoichi Suzuki, 135, and Wilfred Tisalona, 133¾, drew in a 4 rounder.

RATINGS

(Continued from page 19)

European Champion Duilio Loi outpointed Al Nevarez, 10.

Carlos Ortiz outpointed Joe Lopes, 10. Dave Dupas stopped Al Barraza, 2.

Fred Galiana kayoed Pedro Benelli, 3. Little Firpo defeated Julian Valdez, 10. Don Jordan kayoed Kid Centella, 2. Frankie Ryff outscored Johnny Gorman, 10.

Ray Riojas decisioned Bobby Garza, 10. Angel Garcia outpointed Johnny Palmer, 10. Maxie Carlos outclassed Gernano Cavalieri, 12.

Richie (Kid) Howard defeated Baby Beau Jack, 10. Bobby Rogers outpointed Ernie (Sonnyboy) Williams, 10.

Russell Sands defeated Litterio Petilli, 12. Henry Ferguson beat Battling Douglas, 10. Eddie Gaspora halted Julian Velasquez, 10. Antonio Ramirez kayoed Bernardo Flores, 3, but was kayoed by Sergio Gomez, 3. Harold Smith outscored Steve Haywood, 8.

Felipe Sosa kayoed Cesar Saavedra, 9. Federico Plummer halted Horacio Otis, 9. Carlos Arregui kayoed Juanito Martinez, 7. Ray Estepa defeated Freddie Cozart, 8.

Raul Anchondo kayoed Kid Pancho, 6, and Rafael Vasquez, 9. Chivo Diaz kayoed Bernardo Flores, 2. Indo Conde stopped Ranchero Ruiz, 8. Kid Filipino beat Chino Gonzalez, 10.

Henry Hickman halted Willie Cooper, 7. Tristan Falfan defeated Julio Febres, 10. Pat McCoy won from Louis Caromna, 8, but lost to featherweight Al Tisi, 10. Osvaldo Canete beat Angel Olivieri, 10. Henry Gutierrez whipped Luis Rojas, 6. Aldo Mente defeated Jimmy Cook, 6. Florentino Fernandez stopped Flash Chapman, 6. Eduardo Almazan stopped Al Olivera, 3. Elio Ripoli defeated Rafael Azuaga, 10.

Enrique Castillo whipped Sergio Contreras, 8. Kid Tony and Star Matnog drew, 10. Cosme Maldonando stopped Juan Leyva, 8. Lou Cappellano bested Bob Cochran, 10. Fighting San Carlos outscored Larry Fernandez, 8.

Len Walters decisioned Jimmy ..ale, 8. Billy Nickerson kayoed George Burns, 2. Fernand Chretien stopped Ray McNeil, 4. Baby Naven kayoed Dommy Dorendez, 2.

Jimmy Jackson won from Lem Miller, 6. Candy McFarland outpointed Ray Lancaster, 10. Johnny Wills decisioned Johnny Guerrero, 6, and stopped Buddy McDonald, 4. Felix Chiocca outpointed Victor Pepeder, 10. Lester Ennis stopped George Douglas, 2. Bobby Hicks kayoed Bobby Lee, 2.

Chinco Chavez halted Jean LaForte, 7. Chico Velez defeated Sid Lugo, 6. Gordon Parker stopped Gus Robinson, 2, Gene Pless, 1, and beat Johnny Johnikin, 8. Rudi Langer decisioned Ray Paini, 8, and drew with German Champion Manfred Neuke, 12 (title).

George Munroe kayoed Dewey Waybret, 1. Tommy Garrow beat Jimmy McGuinnes, 6. Louis van Hoeck outpointed Aime Devisch, 10. Sam Crawford won over Horace Hanlon, 6.

Henry Salcido defeated Garland Randall, 6, and stopped Dean Shearin, 5. George Bracken halted Giordano Campari, 9. Willie Vaughn defeated Howard Millsap, 6. Paul Armstead outscored Ezequiel Uribe, 10. Guy Gracia decisioned Bobby Ros, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Gracieux Lamperti defeated Bobby Bell, 10.

Paul Jorgensen stopped Russ Tague, 10.

Manolo Garcia and Alfredo Bunetta drew, 10, a

Flash Elorde decisioned Javellana Kid, 12.

Angel Guerrero kayoed Baby Rivera, 2, and beat Hilario Morales, 10.

Garry Simpson won the Canadian title by outpointing Gaby Paliotti 12. Manuel Alvarez won over Aldo Gamboa, 10, kayoed Gregorio Oliva, 7, and drew with Raul Vargas, 10.

Willie Pep outclassed Jimmy Kelly, 10. Kid Anahuac whipped Chucho Mejia, 10. Claudio Adame stopped Fidel Lucero, 4.

Battling Torres beat Oscar Torres, 10. Puppy Garcia beat Ernesto Figueroa, 10. Jesus Santamario outscored Prince Johnson, 10.

Dwight Hawkins outpointed Auburn Copeland, 10. Max Murphy won the vacant Australian title by outpointing Frankie Bennett, 15. Gracieux Lampertio won from Rene Barriere, 8.

Hank Aceves defeated Noel Humphreys, 10. Letterio Retilli outpointed Bobby Bath, 12. Ricardo Manzanillo drew with Lupe Garcia, 10. Army Wonder Boy and Baby Gony drew, 10.

Lucio Gonzales whipped Fidel Hernandez, 10. Elias Reyes stopped Martin Vasquez, 8. Enrique Perea defeated Rodolfo Francis, 10.

Hector Garcia kayoed Silvestre Villarreal, 1. Sarica Yontrakit defeated Ray Ming Chan, 10. Gil Flores outpointed Rocky Moises, 8. Pedro Rocha outboxed Efrain Quintana, 10. Hector Esqueda defeated Chano Barrientos, 10. Papelero Garcia won over Roberto Lagunes, 10.

Al Tisi outboxed Pat McCoy, 10. Sonny Chia kayoed Kid Pancho, 6. Antonio Coria defeated Terrible Llanero, 10. Bill Thomas stopped Dom Sacco, 3. Doug Vaillant stopped Luis Gonzalez, 2. Pedro Campos bested Miguel Juarez, 8.

George Carroll outfought Arthur Devlin, 12. Lee Bohles stopped Red Randall, 4. Nacho Dominguez defeated Jaibo Carrenza, 8. Andy (Kid) Hayford stopped George O'Neill, 4. Tito Marshall beat Roberto Murillo, 6.

Chico Morales won from Wilfredo Gonzalez, 8. Juan Ramirez defeated Arnulfo Palomares, 8. Vernon Lynch whipped Wally Livingston, 6. Steve Haydock kayoed Kwan Sang, 3. Ward Yee and ChaCha Uribe drew, 6. Gustav Ohm kayoed Manuel Varela, 3, and Ernesto Villa, 2. Dick Page bested Joey Mazon, 6. Percy Hayles defeated NoNo Manning, 6. Andre Vairolatto stopped Jean Dos Santos, 5.

Pete Kawala outpointed Hank Aueves, 10. Bob Roger whipped Henri Corbanese, 8. Len Matthews outscored Henry (Pappy) Gault, 8. Jules Touan edged out Tove Allotey, 10. Rudy Corona kayoed Chango Caballos, 7, and Bobby Guzman, 9. Eder Joffre and Ruben Caceras drew, 10. Mel Middleton stopped Milton Ferguson, 6. Marcel Gendron won over Gilbert Glave, 6. Louis Poncy outpointed Tanny Campo, 10. Sugar Ray trounced Olavi Ouvinen, 8.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Joe Beccera won from Hector Agundez, 10.

Henry Marques upset Billy Peacock, 10.

Roberto Castro drew with Guido Granizo, 10.

Ross Padilla defeated Nacho Escalante, 10.

Boots Monroe kayoed Hector Rodriguez, 5. Carlos Cardoso defeated Joe Medel, 10. Eduardo Guerrero stopped Chuy Rodriguez, 10.

Marcel Montoya beat Alberto Soto, 8. Kid Irapuato bested Jose Luis Mora, 10. Javier Garfias beat Chiquis Rosales, 10, and stopped Cheto Fernandez, 6. Cheto beat Goyo Flores, 10. Juanito Mendoza and ..urdo Arce drew, 8. Raton Gargas whipped Tono Coria, 10. Raul Leanos stopped Gino Totor, 3.

Eloy Sanchez stopped Roque Fernandez, 4, Roque beat Chuy Rodriguez, 10. Tuntun Torres beat Jose Galvan, 10. Adrian Rojas whipped Alex Jimenez, 10. Angel Boy defeated Villeza Villar, 10. Memo Gonzalez defeated Torito Mota, 10. Baby Carlos defeated Teo Castaneda, 8.

Sardito Guerra beat Monito Luna, 8. Danny Valdez stopped Joaquin Veloz, 6. Pedro Gonzales halted Jorge Gomez, 8. Lefty Martinez defeated Bernardo de la Cruz, 10. Marcelino Gomez and Pedro Samano drew, 8.

Hector Hicks kayoed Roy Thoikey, 5. Ray Cerdan defeated Bert Medran, 8, and Mario Manuel, 6. Sapito Jimenez kayoed Tino Hernandez, 3. Kiki Casanovas defeated Eddie Botello, 6. Antonio Barcenaz stopped Ruben Herrera, 8.

Jose Lomeli and Martin ..amora drew, 8. Sammy Garcia stopped Billy Carey, 5. Raul Olmos and Juan Figueroa, drew, 8. Luis Aguilera beat Pancho Caballero, 6.

Floyd Gatiuan whipped Frank Mehio, 6. Gustavo Carrera defeated Able Pena, 8, and Antonio Rodriguez, 8. Golden Boy beat Baby Arturo, 6. Terry Spinks outclassed Henri Schmid, 8. Eric Brett decisioned Danny McNamee, 8. Derry Treanor outpointed Terry Toole, 8. Robert Meunier edged out Jean Renard, 10. Francisco Carreno outscored Santos Seoane, 10. Pentti Hamalainen whipped Dante Bini, 8. Pimi Barajas defeated Kildo Martinez, 10.

Willie Parker stopped Jose Lopez in the 9th round.

FLYWEIGHTS

Italian champion Aristide Pozzali was held to a draw by Stefano Urbani, 8 (non-title).

Jimmy Abeyta held Ramon Calatayua to a draw, 10.

Jose Ogazon decisioned Dennis Adams, 10, then lost to Adams, 10. Ray Ruiz won from Guillermo Gonzalez, 10, and Alejo Mejia, 10.

Goyo Flores lost to bantamweight Cheto Fernandez, 10. Hiram Bacallao kayoed Orlando Rodriguez, 6.

Chua Gim Chiang stopped Darachia Samanchai, 4. Joe Verchines and Francisco Ortiz drew, 6. Baby Damilliones decisioned Baby Espinosa, 10. Leonardo Lopez stopped Alfonso Tinajero, 5. Julio Buggioni kayoed Hector Coria, 5.

Luis Gonsalez defeated Martin Varela, 6, but lost to Oscar Salazar, 8, then kayoed Gilberto Villa, 1. Roberto Rodriguez beat Juan Ayala, 6. Waling Waling Boy won from Piano Salonga, 6.

Horacio Acavallo kayoed Vicente Bruno, 5. Peter Walsh won from Barry Rich 6.

Jean Guerard stopped Christian Marchand, 7.

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SOUTHERN AREAS . . .

By Gene Gordon

Duke Keomuka and Mr. Moto are still the Southern Tag Team Champions since winning this coveted title from George Becker and Dick Steinborn recently. Their most recent victory was a win over Mike Clancy and Gory Guerrero in Lexington, N. C.

A few nights later they scored an unpopular win over the team of Mike Clancy and George Becker, in Charlotte's Park Center ring. Newcomer Benny Motta looks like a promising youngster to watch.

Georgeous George returned to the Carolina's area recently with his lovely lady attendant. Still the showman he can wrestle once he gets down to business. He defeated Angelo Martinelli.

In Columbia, S. C., at the Township Auditorium an outstanding card promoted by Henry Marcus saw Chick and Leo Garabaldi win the main event from Jack O'Riley and Bob Corby. The tag match went three falls with Leo Garabaldi defeating O'Riley with his famous "bombs away" for the deciding fall. Lillian Ellison, who uses the name (Slave Girl Moola) is a Columbia, S. C. girl who was trained by Johnny Long and made her professional debut in the Carolinas in 1947. On the card in Columbia Miss Ellison returned to defeat a high ranking lady wrestler from Mexico, Miss Rita Cortez. The firey Miss Cortez took the first fall, but lost the next two straight falls to the Columbia lass.

BOXING IN SONORA

By E. Campillo G.

GUAYMAS, SONORA:—GABY MERCADO, A GOOD PROSPECT KAYOED MONITO HERNANDEZ in three. Al Morales defeated Chavo Perez, in four in a lightweight fight.

Monchi Lopez lost to Willie Black in six. Featherweights.. Ray Conteras stopped Tony Garcia in three. Lightweights.

Pinky Peralta, a Sonorense middleweight, won a good decision over Leo Corrales.

▶ GUAYMAS, SONORA:—Joe Flores and Guero Pena drew in four. Bantamweights. Babe Gastelum and Al Morales, lightweights, also drew in four. Willie Black kayoed Ninon Ortega, in five, featherweights. Tony Lopez Smith and Camilo Flores drew in eight. Welterweights.

The Torpedo Yaqui, Rudy Corona, promising bantamweight, kayoed Baby Guzman in nine.

BOXING IN OKLAHOMA CITY

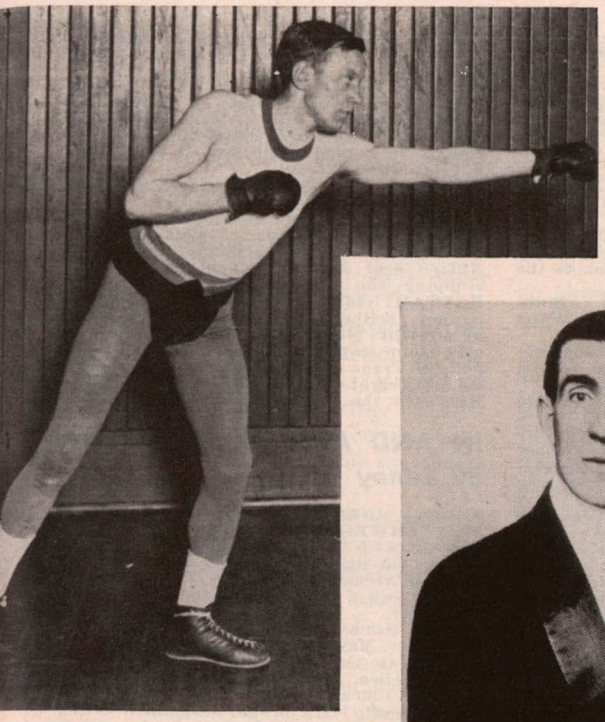
By Robert Johnson

JOHN FLINT, 135, OKLAHOMA CITY, won a split decision in four rounds over Alfred Franklin, 135, Oklahoma City.

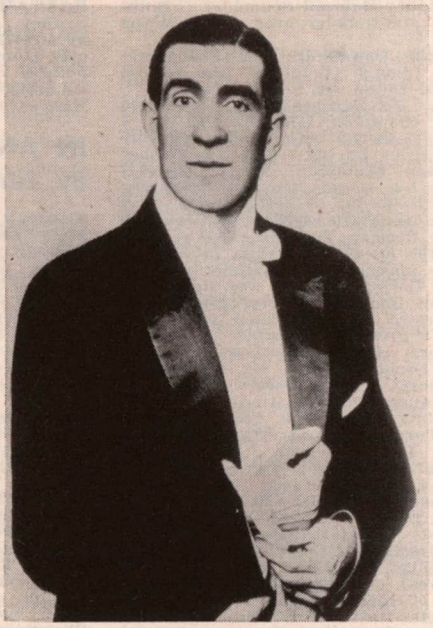
Charley Brown, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 188, kayoed Johnny Jackson, 195, Oklahoma City, in the first round. Don Nutter, 150, Wyoka, Okla., scored a second round K.O. over T. P. Moore, 149, Oklahoma City.

Elmer Fuller, 126, Oklahoma City, scored a second round K.O. over Curtis Waters, 124, Oklahoma City. Ward Upshaw, 165, Oklahoma City, and Joe Mitchell, 160, Eufala, Okla., fought to a draw, six rounds.

In the main event, Cecil Courtney, 144, Oklahoma City, scored a sensational second round kayo over Eddie Duncan, 145, Tulsa, Okla.



Jimmy Wilde, the "Mighty Atom", the clever speedster Englishman used his quickness of hand and fleetness of foot to outclass many a bigger foe during his long career.



James J. Corbett, often referred to as the father of boxing in the American ring. Corbett not only possessed a fast pair of hands and nimble feet, but he was an alert thinker who used his speedy assets to the utmost.

FAST FISTS

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Marcel Cerdan, no doubt the best French fighter to come to America since the Carpentier invasion, won the middleweight title on speed. Tony Zale, man of steel, collapsed under the fast pace Cerdan set. Zale fell apart without warning.

In the second Ray Robinson-Carmen Basilio fight, in Chicago, quick thinking and experience, plus luck, won for Sugar. He was a veteran getting by on what he knew. The luck lay in the right hand uppercut that closed Basilio's left eye.

A few years earlier in the same ring Robinson had first won the middleweight title from Jake LaMotta. On that night speed was the deciding factor. Ray was in and out on nimble legs. His punches were rapid fire.

It was a great Robinson who knocked out LaMotta, and yet, getting by on his head alone, the second Basilio fight may have been his greatest.

Jack Delaney was called the *"Rapier of the North."* The fight experts were referring to his right hand uppercut. Delivered with great speed, the punch knocked out Paul Berlenbach, and wrecked Tiger Flowers. Delaney's speed was in his hands. His punches were quick, accurate.

Years ago in Lawrence, Mass., Jimmy Wilde, world flyweight champion, took on Bobby Dyson, a New England bantamweight, in a nontitle bout. The fight was over, almost before it started. The fast punching Wilde won it with a straight right to the jaw. If ever there was a demonstration of speed, that was it.

Harry Greb, the "windmill," was more perpetual motion than a fast knockout puncher. The same was true of Henry Armstrong. Great they were, but neither hit with destructive power.

Size has little to do with speed. Small fellows can be clumsy, even as big men are, and some can punch hard. Others can't. From what I have read, Joe Gans must have had fast hands. Why else would he be called the "Old Master."

James J. Jeffries, though big and powerful, also had the reputation of being fast. James J. Corbett's speed of foot made it possible for him to avoid John L. Sullivan's bull-like charges.

Few fighters have everything, and Patterson has his faults no doubt. He can, nevertheless, punch fast, as fast as any heavyweight, present or past. The heavyweight champion has the quickest pair of hands in boxing today.

This alone does not make for a great fighter but speed of hand and foot, coupled with some of the other necessary equipment, such as ability to take punch, a hefty wallop and at least a solid knowledge of the fundamentals, can carry a fighter to greatness.

WHY SO MANY SPLIT DECISIONS?

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litical appointment system, we don't have enough of these officials.

There is another thought, that the referee is too busy policing the fighters to judge accurately, and that three judges should score the fight. This is done in major amateur tournaments, college and some professional boxing matches. However it has not eliminated poor or divided decisions.

The most popular system, of course, involves referee and two judges.

As any one familiar with movie making can tell you, the angle of vision can play tricks with the eyes. In movies and TV shows, when fight scenes are staged the angle of the camera can make missed blows look like haymakers and light touches appear to be damaging blows. This is what makes judging a fight on Television so difficult. The angle and lack of depth make it almost impossible to get a true picture.

This angle sight can also effect the scoring of a fight watched in person, not only by the fans but by the judges, as well. The judges sit in fixed positions, usually opposite each other, thus seeing the fight from two different angles, while the referee moving around the ring sees it from still a third angle. The movements of the referee or the fighters block the view of the judges. This, plus the different angles, can bring about three different scorings in a round.

The judges seated outside the ring are more apt to be influenced by the noise of the crowd than the referee, the many other distractions around ringside, the photo flashes of the cameramen, the clicking of the typewriters and telegraph keys all tend to distract a judge.

In scoring fights, writers seated on the same side of the ring tend to agree, not only with each other but with the scoring of the judge on their side more often than with the judge seated across the ring.

Another big factor that has to be taken into account is that when the officials are former fighters they tend to favor the boxer who fights with the style they themselves used. Thus a former dancing master will favor that type, a former club fighter will go along with that style, an ex-slugger will give credit to that school, and a former puncher favors the hard hitters.

This is an intangible, and cannot be corrected. It is one of the many matters of personal judgment that if mixed with experience and skill come out with the right verdict in a great majority of cases.

NEWS FROM FAR-OFF NEW ZEALAND

By Brian F. O'Brien

OUTSTANDING NEW ZEALAND FIGHT DRAWCARD IN A DECADE, Barry Brown, is not likely to fight again. The former British Empire 147 lb. champion, without his sharp punching and clever defensive shifts, went down to summary defeat at the hands of the 22-year-old Don Barnes, from Australia, brother of the current Empire welter titleholder.

Before nearly three thousand Wellington fans, Brown proved that there is little left of the old stuff. He was thumped on the chin time and time again by straight lefts from a much shorter orthodox boxer, and when a southpaw can't defend himself against left-hand punching he is slipping.

As round succeeded round it became plain that Barnes had the measure of the champion, and when Brown was knocked over in the tenth round from a right to the head, the referee had little hesitation in halting the bout.

▶ New Zealand featherweight champion Billy Leckie, the Tapanui sawmiller, created one of the year's biggest upsets and scored the most notable victory of his pro career when he outpointed Brian Bennett, classy young Australian No. 3, at Palmerston North. This was Bennett's first reverse in this country, and his own tactics contributed directly to it.

▶ Only a week before upsetting Bennett, Leckie dropped a split verdict to former 126 lb. champion, Johnny Hanks (Auckland), at Invercargill. Hanks boxed neatly on the counter and won most of the early rounds, but Leckie slowed him down with body blows and had Johnny out on his feet at the final bell. The judges couldn't agree and the referee's casting vote went to Hanks, who was stopped by the southerner in each of their two meetings last year.

▶ Conceding a big lump of weight—some 8 lb.—Don Barnes followed up his demolition of Barry Brown by narrowly outpointing fellow Sydneysider Bob Piper, at Dunedin. Piper had been brought across the 1,400 miles from Australia especially for the contest.

Piper, Australia's most active boxer last year with 17 fights, is ranked only a modest 21st in that country, according to the latest Australian Ring magazine listings, and Barnes third, but they could have been on level pegging for all the difference was noticeable in this close, willing tussle over 12 rounds.

▶ Stocky, fair-haired Hastings middleweight Guy Bauckham, who had his first fight at seven years of age, made a useful professional bow by beating ex-Englishman from the R.A.F., Ronnie Williams, at Hastings. Bauckham walked in throughout the eight rounds, took what Williams had—and it was not a great deal—then thumped away with both hands to head and body at close range.

▶ Tall Gisborne welter Peter Graham had a 10 lb. weight advantage on oft-defeated ex-lightweight champion Frank Wilson, at Gisborne, but made hard going of outscoring the veteran.

▶ Samoan-born holder of the New Zealand middleweight title, Tuna Scanlan of Auckland, maintained his unbeaten Wellington sequence by stopping the imported boxer, Graham Lamont, middleweight champion of Australia's banana state, Queensland, in the ninth round.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY

By J. A. Tree

FRANKFORT: The Frankfort venue was in an uproar as Erich Schoppner, the German cruiser champion, was counted out by referee Herbert Tomser and then after consulting the judges, Cooper was disqualified for a foul blow to the neck. Some of the 6,000 crowd stormed towards the ring booing and shouting, but it was not clear as to whom they were siding with or protesting against. It was clear, however, that Cooper's right hand punch in this sixth round did land on Schoppner's neck, but it must also be recorded that the German was to blame. As the punch was in flight to the chin, Schoppner turned and it was too late for the Britain to withdraw it. The German was paralized and like an empty sack went to the canvas while Tomser counted over him.

Cooper, who appeared to be in second gear and not taking any chances, was outscored during the first three rounds. He went to the canvas for a nine count in round three from a combination of left and right punches to the chin.

In the next three heats Cooper came into the picture more and any lead Schoppner had gained had been wiped out by the time of the disqualification.

Middleweight: Peter Mueller (Cologne) won an eight rounder over Michel Masson (Belgium). The visitor took a count of nine during the contest.

Middleweight: Rudholf Nehring (Berlin) put Lothar Heimann (Frieburg) to the canvas six times before the fight was stopped in round three.

Olympic semi-finalist lightweight, Harry Kurschat (Berlin) kayoed Victor Sercu (Belgium) in round two with a left hook to the chin.

Cruiserweight: Manfred Schneider (Frankfort) won a six rounder over Andre Wyns (Belgium).

Heavyweight: Oswald Buttner (Frankfort) beat Marcel Limage (Belgium) who retired at the end of round six.

Stuttgart: Ex-European and German heavyweight champion, HEINTZ NEUHAUS (Dortmund), caused a major upset and surprised his critics by outscoring the former world cruiser champion, JOEY MAXIM (USA), over ten rounds here at Stuttgart. Maxim had been out of action for over a year, but the American's left was expected to outscore the German. Only in three rounds, or four at the most, did Maxim do enough to share the points. The remainder were in favor of the German. Maxim was ring rusty and his long layoff had upset his timing. The 7,500 crowd were delighted with their countryman's great performance.

Rolf Peters (Dortmund) heavy, kayoed over Michel Dinot (France), six. Gerd Mueller (Dusseldorf) won on points over Roger Facquer (France), 10. Uli Ritter (Mannheim) won on points over Alain Cherville (Belgium), 10. Toni Gruber (Stuttgart) won on points over Roger Melarns (Belgium), 6. Heinz Klein (Karlsruhe) was stopped by Karl Wagner (Ger) in four.

▶ **Weser-Ems-Halle, OLDENBURG:** Ex-window cleaner, 22 year old, MANFRED NEUKE (Delmenhorst) was fortunate to retain his light title drawing with veteran of over a hundred fights. RUDI LANGER (Berlin). The eight year old challenger dictated the latter part of the 12 round affair scoring with good lefts to the head. The 2,000 crowd protested strongly against the very unpopular verdict.

Helmut Mistol outscored Gerhard Moll (Braunschweg), 6. Harry Kurschat (Berlin) stopped Tony van Eijk (Holland), 2. Walter Stauar (Kirchweyhe) halted Heinz Neumann (Essen) 2. Horst Niche (Berlin) won on points over Gerard van Eijk (Holland), 6. Walter Haufr (Berlin) won over Hans Peter Drabes (Essen), 6.

▶ Hans Friedrich (Dortmund) lost on points to Scarabella, 10. German feather champion Willi Quatuor (Dortmund) drew in ten with Pravisani (Italy).

▶ **Munich:** Gunter Hase (Berlin) lost his welter title to Ernst Zetzmann (Sruttgart) at Munich. The towel was thrown in during round eleven to save the champion from further and unnecessary punishment.

Hase won the title in 1956 and was defending it for the fifth time.

Rudi Langer (Berlin), lightweight, outpointed Remo Viaremgo (Italy) over eight rounds.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

By Les Muller

DURBAN: — BENNY NIEWENHUIZEN MADE A SUCCESSFUL COMEBACK TO the ring by stopping Gary Gordon, (143½) in the seventh round, at the Durban City Hall. Gordon put up a courageous fight, and was dropped four times by vicious punches. Niewenhuizen finally applied the finisher in round seven, against a defenceless Gordon.

Ernie Baronet, (130) beat Gerry Vorster (133) on points over six rounds in one of the best preliminary bouts seen in Durban for years. Dickie Williams (156¾) beat Vittorio Corso (162) T.K.O. 4. Henry Speedie (155½) knocked-out Smiler Fourie (161½) in one round. Piet Gouws (168) beat Roy McRae (166) on points over four rounds.

▶ JOHANNESBURG:—Jose Orgazon, the Spanish flyweight champion, re-affirmed his superiority over Dennis Adams, the South African and Empire champion, by clearly outpointing him over ten rounds at the Olympia Ice Rink. It was a dull, mauling fight in which both boxers were continually warned by the Referee for repeated clinching.

In the best fight of the evening, Charlie Els won the Transvaal feather-weight title with a ninth round T.K.O. over Louis Klopper. Klopper had a badly gashed right eyelid. Els is a boxer worth watching.

▶ OVERSEAS ROUND-UP:—Graham Van Der Walt failed to win the Empire Bantamweight title from Peter Keenan, in Glasgow. Graham was outpointed over 15 rounds.

Willie Toweel was suprisingly stopped in the seventh round by Guy Garcia the French lightweight, in Glasgow.

Evie Vorster stopped Vincent O'Kine (Gold Coast) in the fifth round, in Glasgow.

Gawie Deklerk South African Heavyweight Champion, outpointed Peter Bates over six rounds, in London. This was Deklerk's first fight in Britain.

Joe Ngidi has left Britain for Australia.

▶ NON-EUROPEAN ROUND-UP: Freddie Ngidi, successfully defended his Transvaal flyweight title by stopping Josiah Radebe in the sisxth round at Johannesburg—Enoch Nhlapo beat Joseph Khumalo, the Referee stopping the fight in the fourth round. BANTAM: Johannes Mokotedi outpointed Sydney Selibe over six rounds.

FEATHER: Moses Molete beat Aston Matsau over four rounds. Dietrich Letsalo outpointed Frans Sefaonyane over eight rounds.

Lightweight—William Mokoena beat Rufus Kanye in the second round.

IN AND AROUND CHICAGO

By Lenny Myers

JERRY MORTELL, CHICAGO'S YOUNG WELTERWEIGHT BATTLER, CAME through with a knockout victory over Don Weller, 143, St. Paul, in the seventh round at Midwest Arena. Mortell chalked up his sixth straight when he dropped the kayo bomb on Weller.

Eddie Allen, 150, beat Don Jose, 148, in four heats. Major Woodson, 148, Chicago, defeated Jesse Gray, 154, New Orleans, in four. Sammy Allen, 140, Chicago, beat Willie Harris, 148, Chicago, in four spirited rounds. Robert Scott, 142, Chicago, outpointed Willie Miller, 143, Chicago, in four.

▶ Johnny Coulon, world's former bantamweight champion, was given a very pleasant surprise recently. When Belgium's former king paid a visit to Chicago, he renewed old acquaintances with the former king of the bantamweights. They had not seen each other since 1921 in Belgium, when Leopold's father—King Albert—presented Coulon with a diamond and ruby tie pin. The treasure, Coulon sadly reported to Leopold during their visit here, was lost. Time passed. Christmas brought Coulon a card from Leopold. . . . Then, a few days ago, Johnny was summoned to the offices of the Belgium Consul. Joseph J. Trouveroy, in charge, presented the little former champion with a pin and a note. It was from Queen Elizabeth and King Albert, the former King's son. They hoped this one would replace the one lost many years ago.

▶ Chicago—In a scheduled eight round featured bout at Midwest Arena, Indian Buddy Jackson, 146, New York, scored a knockout over Jerry Mortell, 145, Chicago, in the fifth round.

Bobby Stinintino, 172, Chicago, beat James Beard, 165, Chicago, in four rounds. King Farouk, 149, Chicago, stopped Jimmy Adams, 150, in two heats. Cephas Thompson,, 137, beat Bob Williams, 137, in four. Ted Meeks, 164, won in four over Al Longstreet, 161.

▶ Chicago—Jesse Bowdry, St. Louis middleweight, made his TV debut a sparkling one by easily winning the ten round decision over Clarence Hinnant. Bowdry used a fast left jab to good advantage and scored all of the heavy blows during the IBC presentation.

In the eight round semi-final, Johnny Gray, Frankie Tomaso's fast rising heavyweight, fooled the experts by defeating Ernest Terrell, 191, Chicago. It was Terrell's first loss as a professional. Gray hurt Terrell with a hard right hand smash to the jaw in the fourth round, and piled up enough points the rest of the way for the victory.

NEBRASKA BOXING

By Floyd Hayes

PROMOTER JOE SMOGYE MADE ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO revive professional boxing in Omaha with a show at the Civic Auditorium. Lou Cappellano, 135½, Omaha, punched out a 10-round unanimous decision over Irish Bob Cochran, 137, Kansas City. Cappellano dumped Cochran to the deck in the fifth round for an 8 count with a left hook to the jaw. Cochran was down again at the close of the seventh round by a well timed right hand thrown by Cappellano. In the ninth round Cappellano landed with a left and a right and as Cochran hit the deck the bell sounded.

In the semi-windup Sonny Ray, 183, Chicago, decisioned Ray Augustus, 179, Topeka, in 8 rounds.

When Gene Buzzello, 148, Omaha, suffered a cut by the right eye, Henry Dinsmore, 149½, Kansas City, was awarded a TKO in the first round.

Eddie Anderson, 154, Omaha, making his professional debut, decisioned Billy Sudduth, 162, Kansas City, in four rounds.

SWINGIN' IN THE RAIN

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had hardly started when the main pole began to sway. The side poles teetered. The wind ripped a big gash in the tent just above the ring and the rain gushed through. Fighters, referee and scribes in the working press section were soaked. One after another light bulbs smashed. It wasn't long before the fighters were battling in semi-darkness. Ringsiders rushed for the protection of the grandstand. Pools of water formed in the sagging canvas of the ring. Electricians, hastily rushed into service, managed to straighten the poles somewhat and fix a few lights.

Through it all the fight continued without interruption. It was a savage brawl, well spiced with knockdowns by both rivals. At the finish Ketchel was awarded Referee Billy Berger's decision.

THE PHILADELPHIA STORY

Then there was the momentous September night in 1926 when Jack Dempsey was relieved of the heavyweight title by Gene Tunney in Philadelphia's sprawling Sesqui-Centennial.

Where Manassa Jack's career as champion was concerned, the gods of fistic destiny have never been more whimsical. It was a glorious, sunny midsummer afternoon when a youthful, dynamic Dempsey scaled the championship heights by demolishing Jess Willard in Toledo on July 4, 1919. More than seven years later, when the aging, ring-rusty veteran toppled from his lofty estate, it was on a miserable, rainy autumn night.

All day the grim skies had threatened rain. Showers were being reported from outlying districts and at any moment they were expected in Philadelphia. They stayed away through the afternoon, however, and Promoter Tex Rickard decided to go ahead with the show.

The rain waited until the preliminary bouts were over and the main event was about to start. The heavens finally opened and then came the deluge.

For the entire ten rounds the fighters battled in a steady downpour which thoroughly drenched not only the principals, but 120,757 intrepid souls who jammed the vast stadium with the largest crowd that has ever paid to see a prizefight.

SAVED BY THE RAIN

This commentator has had quite a few experiences with bouts fought in the rain. One of particularly vivid memory was a light-heavyweight affair in the Binghamton, N. Y. baseball park during the summer of 1930.

At the time Bingo Joe Banovic, a rugged local entry, was just beginning to attract serious attention in the 175-pound ranks.

Earlier that year, as a short-notice substitute, the youthful Banovic had lost an unpopular decision to the experienced Canadian, Charley Belanger, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

A return match became a "natural" for Binghamton, Banovic's home town, and it was arranged a few months later. Although it had been drizzling off and on all day, the promoters decided to go ahead with the outdoor show that night.

As the main event got underway, the rain began to pour down in earnest. It continued throughout the ten rounds, and proved a lucky break for Belanger. An improved, determined Banovic gave the Canadian a right royal going-over. At least twice it looked as though Bingo Joe would win by a knockout. He had Belanger stumbling around on rubbery legs, ready for the finisher. But every time the Canadian was in serious trouble, the pelting rain revived him. Although considerably the worse for wear, Charley was still on his feet when the final bell rang. If he ever gets around to writing his memoirs, Belanger could label that chapter "Saved By The Rain."

BROWN'S CROWN GAINS LUSTRE

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CHAMPION TO FIGHT LANE

As soon as the fight was over a jubilant Brown declared his intention of putting the title on the line against Kenny Lane, who now becomes the No. 1 American contender in the ratings. Lane has long been dickering for a title match. The fact that he is a southpaw doesn't bother Brown and from the form he has shown in the past since becoming champion it doesn't appear that it will handicap him too much.

However, the fight should draw well and based on the reception the title bout with Dupas received, Houston is the ideal spot for it.

Truman Gibson, now president of the International Boxing Club, eagerly intoned, "After seeing the house for the Dupas fight I want the Lane title bout to take place in Houston."

Texas, right now, is just about the hottest fight state in the country, with a number of clubs going regularly, new faces being developed and headliners performing in a manner which has gained for them world ratings.

This fight, indirectly, could be the means for reviving interest in the heavyweight division, with Floyd Patterson and his manager glancing appreciatively at what he might draw with Roy Harris, in the Lone Star State.

This Brown is quite a guy. Not only does he do right by himself but it is quite possible that he has put the business back in boxing.

ART RUSK

Art Rusk, born and bred in New York City, at thirty years of age is one of the youngest sportcasters in the big town. As the sports director of station WWRL he conducts among other programs his Sports Roundup at 10:15 nightly.

In addition to radio and television Rusk is a boxing writer for the newspaper, the New York Amsterdam News. His ambition is to do blow by blow announcing of boxing matches.

A conservative dresser and likeable gentleman with a wry sense of humor Rusk is popular with the members of the Boxing Writer's and Sports Broadcaster Associations, to which he belongs.

Art has been a sports fanatic since he was five years old . . . he saw his first world series in 1933 and as he says: *"My father took me to so many baseball games in the ensuing years that I was practically raised in the Polo Grounds and the Yankee Stadium."*

Soft spoken Art is a graduate of Long Island University, B.S. in chemistry 1949, where he was an outstanding player on both the basketball and baseball teams.

A fast rising young man in the sports world he is efficient and his work is well received by fans as well as his conferees in radio and in the newspaper world.

ACTION IN ALBUQUERQUE

By Johnny Seubert

ART ARAGON, 153, BELEN, N. M., AND LOS ANGELES, CALIF., flattened Bob (Bobcat) Torrance, 153, Mesa, Ariz., in the ninth round. "Golden Boy" appeared sluggish and the bout was a dull and listless one until Art opened up his big guns in the ninth to floor the "Bobcat" for the full count.

In the six-round semi-final Henry Gutierrez, 139, popular fighter from Deming, New Mexico, decisioned Luis Rojas, Juarez, 137. Indio Ramirez, 151, Juarez, stopped Ted Cuellar, 150, Albuquerque, in 1:03 of the third round.

Joey Limas, 135, Albuquerque, halted Bobby Cardenas, 134, Juarez, in round three. In the four round opener Johnny Valdez, Albuquerque, and Billy Carey, El Paso, both 124, battled down the wire to a draw.

▶ Pro boxing here is being given a shot in the arm by Jim Hill, 913 Madiera, S. E.. In his first bout he matchep top notch Joey Giambra, Buffalo, New York against rugged Al Andrews, Superior, Wisconsin, in a ten-round main event at the State Fair Coliseum.

Impetus on the amateurs is being given by Arlie Beery, 804 Loma Vista Drive, N. E., this city.

▶ The "Johnny Hart of Fresno" who was kayoed here on February 12, 1958, by Henry Gutierrez, Deming, N. Mex., is **not** the highly touted fighter of the same name from Phoenix, Arizona. The names used by both fighters are identical but it was the Fresno boy who was knocked out on that fight card. Johnny Hart of Phoenix did not even appear here that night.

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

FEATURE

By BOB ALLEN

OUT California way there is some agitation about having the referee eliminated from judging a fight. In commenting on the situation, Hank Hollingworth, a Long Beach, Calif., sports editor, points out that he opposed the idea in the beginning but after doing some checking concluded the proposal did have merit. He cites the record of four of the biggest fights in recent months:

First Robinson-Basilio fight won by Basilio on split decision. Dissenting opinion—the referee.

Second Robinson-Basilio fight won by Basilio on split decision. Dissenting opinion—the referee.

Alphonse Halimi the winner over Raton Macias on divided verdict in bantamweight title bout. Dissenting opinion—the referee.

Zora Folley in draw decision against Eddie Machen. Only Machen supporter (though great majority of viewers and experts thought Folley the winner)—again the referee.

We got to thinking one night recently about this California discussion and were forming some solid arguments in our mind to combat the idea of eliminating the referee from scoring a fight. It came 10 o'clock and we switched our television set on to watch the Archie Moore-Willie Besmenoff tussle in Louisville. It wasn't a bad fight at all, considering that the light-heavyweight champion weighed 196½ pounds. Came the decision: Archie, on a split nod. Dissenting vote—the referee. We turned off the tv set and went to bed. Let those Californians argue this thing out for themselves.

Hogan Kid Bassey's stirring knockout victory over Ricardo Moreno in defense of the world featherweight title in Los Angeles is now several weeks past but we heard this story only the other day:

Seems Moreno rushed from his corner at the opening bell and flung his full 125 pounds of Mexican fury at the Nigerian champion. Bassey was perhaps unprepared for so violent an attack and absorbed some terrific punches that had him rubber-legged, hanging on the ropes, and seemingly on the verge of a knockout. *"Stop zee fight, stop it before he keels heem!"* screamed Moreno's excited compatriots. Bassey managed to survive the assault and at the bell wobbled a bit unsteadily to his corner.

His manager and seconds were there to meet him with stool, smelling salts, and administrations. Bassey accepted the stool but eschewed the salts and proffered aid. As he sat down he made only one comment, in the manner of a great representative of the British Empire.

"BLIMEY!" he said.

You'll remember what happend to Moreno after that. They carried him out of there in the third round.

From a story by John Lardner: *"Specialists in the subject feel there's not much doubt that the words 'the real McCoy' got their chief impetus from a San Francisco newspaper headline in 1899, following a prizefight between Kid McCoy and Joe Choynski, which had followed a disappointing bout between a Joe McAuliffe and a Peter McCoy. 'CHOYNSKI IS BEATEN,' the headline said, 'BY THE REAL McCOY.'"*

Many years ago the late Jimmy Johnston advertised for *"a heavyweight champion."* He got many responses but no champions, hardly even a heavyweight. Now the same stunt is being tried in England. Arthur Boggis, a well-known British fight manager, has inserted full-page ads in a London paper. He seeks applicants for the heavyweight championship *"who must be under 21, must be 6 feet or over, must be tough, able to punch and love to fight."* Boggis offers to *"teach, train and finance any lad with these qualifications—experience unnecessary."*

Maybe Boggis's idea will work but, remembering what happened to Joe Erskine, Dick Richardson, Brian London, Joe Bygraves, Don Cockell and others, may we suggest he first seek to have American heavyweights barred from England.

The story mentioned that Billy Conn was a guest at a testimonial dinner to Tony Canzoneri in Philadelphia. On the very same day we read that Fred Apostoli was one of the judges at the Machen-Folley fight in San Francisco. The coincidence reminded us, of course, of the two classic Conn-Apostoli battles that took place in Madison Square Garden almost twenty years ago. (My gosh!)

Apostoli had been sensational in New York rings. Conn had never boxed here. The first fight, a thriller, went to Conn on a disputed verdict. The second one, a month later and this one for fifteen rounds, also went to Conn and was even more exciting than the first. Again there was controversy over the decision.

Conn went on to become light-heavyweight champion and to make a great stand against Joe Louis in their first fight for the heavyweight title. As to what happened to Apostoli, that has always remained a mystery. He was never the same fighter again. The tremendous drive that had made him one of the outstanding fighters of his day was gone. He lost his middleweight crown to Ceferino Garcia, won a few, lost a few, went into the Navy, tried a comeback, but never approximated the Apostoli of the pre-Conn fights.

Writing in the New York Herald-Tribune, Tommy Holmes quotes some remarks of Minnie Minoso, 35-year-old Cuban left-fielder with the Cleveland Indians: *"I no feel good all the time. You know how many games I play in a season if I play only when I feel good? Maybe 20. No matter how bad you feel, you must play every day and sometimes I have best games when I feel worst."*

We have known some gladiators who have sought postponment of a fist-fight because they sneezed.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, a fighter lost his bout because he refused to *"keep beating a bloody opponent."* He said he had a new religion which forbade him from striking an opponent who was bleeding. When he persisted in his refusal the referee held up the hand of the battered foe.

This is the story of the violinist with a symphony orchestra who repeatedly kept striking a wrong note during rehearsal.

"What's wrong with you?" shouted the annoyed conductor.

"Nothing," said the violinist, *"I just don't like music!"*

"How are you and the government getting along these days?" Joe Louis was asked recently.

"We shake hands when we meet and my hand always comes away empty," the old Brown Bomber replied.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

BOSTON—MECHANIC'S BUILDING—JOE DEVLIN, 150¼, JAMAICA PLAIN, came off the floor in the fifth round to win a unanimous decision over veteran Armand Savoie, 146¼, Montreal. Savoie had been decked in the first round from a right to the head. "Jailer Joe" used a smart left hand and a sharp right cross to pile up points.

Eddie McDonough, 172, Brighton, made an auspicious pro debut when he needed only 55 seconds to dispose of Johnny Haywood, 180, New York, in a sixer. Bobby Barrett, 141¼, Dorchester, KO'd Johnny Taylor, 135½, New York, in the third round of another six spot.

Al Rose, 153, Brookline, eked out a close four round duke over Don Vincent, 151¾, Providence, R.I. Dick DiVola, 126, Charlestown, repeated via decision over Bob Shaughnessy, 124½, Roxbury, in four heats. Mickey Dwyer, 155, Dorchester, returned to the ring wars with a points win over Johnny Bradley, 148, New York, in the four round opener.

▶ PROVIDENCE—Arcadia Ballroom—Jimmy Beau, 169, Norwalk, Conn., home on furlough took on substitute Dick D'Orsi, 164¾, who was making his first hometown main bout appearance. It was a slugfest from the opening bell to the bouts sudden ending in the fourth round. **Beau's experience gave him an edge but he receipted for many hard punches particularly in the second heat.** The end came when D'Orsi crumpled to the canvas from a left hook to the side.

Johnny Fratus, 174, Swansea, outpunched Charley Michaud, 171, New Bedford, in an action filled six round semi-final. Al Duarte, 141, New Bedford, halted Paul Colbert, 134½, Worcester, in the third of another six. Tony Liquori, 140½, Providence, stopped Young Gavilan, 136, Newark, in two rounds. Johnny Torres, 144 Paterson, N. J., eked out a four round win over Ray Post, 147, Newport, in the opener.

▶ FORT FAIRFIELD, ME.—Armory—Young Beau Jack, 159, Boston, outclassed Babe McCarron, 158, Presque Isle AFB, to win their ten rounder by a unanimous decision. McCarron, originally from Brownville Junction, kept the capacity crowd thrilled by finishing the last two rounds with a rush.

Jarrel "Cobra" Pate, 147½, Caribou AFS, blasted Mickey Cronin, 155, Boston to the canvas twice in scoring a fast keyo in the semi-windup. Kenny Stokes 159, Boston, found Gunboat Steeves, 155, Portland, troublesome but managed to squeeze out a split decision in a close six rounder. Alden Folsom, 157, Monticello, won a split duke over Dana Farnsworth, 159, Bangor, in their four round slugfest.

▶ BOSTON—Mechanic's Building—Johnny Busso, 140¾, New York, proved that he has the Indian sign over Larry Boardman, 140¼, Marlborough, Conn., when he stopped Boardman in the ninth round. It appeared that Busso would end matters early when he dropped Larry twice in the first round.

Boardman was on the floor three times in the fifth round—the second was called a slip. Larry bounced back in the sixth to drop Busso but was rocked again himself before the heat was over. The end came when Larry was unable to answer the bell for round nine.

Gene Butler, 137¼, Boston, had an easy time flattening Bobby Lincoln, 142, New Haven, in the second round. Lee Williams, 215, Roxbury, scored a quickee over Tommy Black, 196, Bridgeport, when he stopped him in the first. Mickey Dwyer, 154, Dorchester, scored a mild upset when he whipped Billy Priest, 155, Waltham, in six stanzas. Jimmy Johnson, 149½, New York, and Frank Burrell, 147, Roxbury, ended up all even after six heats. Pat Drayton, 148, Roxbury, stopped Dick McCarthy, 150, Medford, in the first of a four spot.

▶ PROVIDENCE—Arcadia—Willie Pep, 129, Hartford, toyed with Cleo Ortiz, 125, Puerto Rico, for ten rounds in his final tuneup for his battle with unbeaten Jimmy Kelly. Pep garnered all ten rounds on the scorecards of each of the officials. He gave a boxing display that fascinated the turnout of 1445 spectators.

The semi-final stole the show—Joe DiPierro, 146, Woonsocket, flattened Bobby Barrett, 144, Boston, in the seventh round. It was a blood and thunder fight with many toe-to-toe exchanges. Barrett was ahead on points but was tiring when the kayo punch was delivered. Don Vincent, 149½, Providence, whipped fellowtownsman, Freddy LaNinfa, 151½, in a six rounder. Paul Leri, 149¾, Pawtucket, punched hard and stopped Walter Doman, 149, Newark, in the third of a four, and Willie Green, 155, Warwick, outslugged Joe Parham, 144, Newark, in another four.

▶ PROVIDENCE—Arcadia—Young Jack Johnson, 208, Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over Willie Wilson, 210, Providence, in the eight round feature. Johnson started slowly but methodically built up a lead while Wilson flashed in spots.

Curtis Bruce, 164, Newark, built up an early lead and called upon his experience to weather the late round onslaught of Cardell Farmos, 167¾, Boston, to gain the duke in the eight round co-feature. Farmos was floored in the sixth but had Bruce wobbly in the final heat. Cordon Parker, 138½, Athol, was impressive with his two round kayo of Gus Robinson, 138, Stamford. Al Rose, 149, Brookline, came off the floor to stop Don Vincent, 149½, Providence, in the third round. Tommy Garrow, 138½, Claremont, N.H., turned pro and stopped Tony Liquori, 142, Providence, in the third of the opener which was a slugfest.

▶ PROVIDENCE—Arcadia—Barry Allison, 147, Springfield, won on a fourth round tko over Al Marotti, 147, Edmonton, Canada, when the latter was unable to answer the bell due to a muscle spasm in his neck. Allison had dominated the milling. At the end of the third round Marotti was flattened. His neck hit the ropes and Referee Billy Lynch tolled ten as the bell rung ending the round. The club physician refused to allow Marotti to continue.

Gordon Parker, 136½, Athol, scored an impressive one round knockout over Gene Pless, 132½, Brooklin, in the semi-final. Young Beau Jack, 163, Boston, had too much class for Johnny Fratus, 169¼, Swansea, in their six. Willie Green, 157, Providence, stopped Al Koch, 161½, Brooklyn, in the second of a four. Tommy Garrow, 136½, Claremont, N.H., whipped veteran Al Duarte, 142½, New Bedford, in the opening four rounder.

▶ BOSTON—Mechanic's Building—Will o' the Wisp, Willie Pep, 129¾, Hartford, proved why his name is one of the all-time ring greats by the manner in which he meted out a boxing lesson to tough little Jimmy Kelly, 132, Greek youngster from Lowell, in ten rounds. Kelly suffered his first defeat. He did not appear to be overawed as he tore into Pep in an attempt to put over a kayo punch. The voting was one-sided with Pep getting all rounds except on the scorecard of one of the judges who felt that Kelly earned an edge in one.

Bob Woodall, 205, Boston, put the quietus on Charles Lopes, 205½, New Bedford, in the sixth round but only after he survived some hectic moments himself. Eddie McDonough, 173¾, Brighton, stowed away Joe Greene, 166, New York, in the first of a sixer. In fours: Nick Previti, 137¼, Boston, upset Al King, 138, Bristol, Conn.; Lou Sullivan, 161, Boston, won a decision over Kenny Stokes, 162, Boston; Al Rose, 149, Brookline, outpointed Johnny Torres, 145, Patterson; and Paul Stivaletta, 146¼, Boston, stopped Jackie Connolly, 148, Boston, in the second.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

NATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION'S SUSPENSION OF Wallace Smith, former lightweight champion, and the comeback of Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight king, was the big news the past thirty days in this section.

▶ What a pity that some promoter does not stage twice monthly shows with strictly local talent here. Boxing fans here are hungry for such. All that it is needed is a promoter and the cooperation of the local boxing commission.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

VETERAN BUFFALO BOXING MANAGER BERT FINCH headed a contingent of Buffalonians that attended the recent Scranton, Pa. dinner and sports night which honored Pete Latzo, Jimmy Goodrich, Billy Soose and Mickey Walker—all former world champions. About one thousand enthusiasts attended the gathering. Bobby Tracy, one-time welterweight star, accompanied Finch and Goodrich to Scranton.

▶ HERE AND THERE. . . . Buffalo fans would like to see Referee Lou Scozza get a chance to officiate at one of the big boxing shows in Madison Square Garden. Scozza, once one of the outstanding of light-heavyweight boxers, is now Buffalo's best referee.

▶ Promoter Pedro Martinez will promote outdoor wrestling shows in various upstate New York cities. He will run his indoor shows at Buffalo Memorial Auditorium until late June.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

FISTIC affairs eased up preparatory to the advent of the summer season and there were few important promotions on the Continent. Joey Maxim was featured in a couple of major programs but the American proved to be something of a damp squib in terms of drawing power and his losing bouts against Neuhaus and Bozzano did nothing to stir public interest. In fact, few of the headline fighters did much to improve their status during the month.

Duilio Loi, Garbelli, Vecchiatto, Schoppner, Snoek and many others were lethargic in action. Guy Gracia boosted French stock by halting Willie Toweel up in Scotland, a first-class upset. This was the Springbok's second defeat as a paid fighter. Hamalainen handed Dante Bini a sound beating in Finland and thus edges back into the ratings as does his compatriot, Luukkonen, who is advancing at a gallop in the sparse flyweight division. Quattuor, the oddly-named German feathers champ, must be the first Teuton at his weight to gain so much as a split decision in Italy since Rudi Langer carried the banner for that division. Zetzmann is the new German welter king and Langer himself lost a hotly-disputed verdict to Neuke, who showed none of the form which earned him a draw against Loi.

▶ **Stuttgart,** Germany—In a month devoid of really important events, the heavyweight clash between Heinz Neuhaus, 216, and Joey Maxim, 189, provided some food for comment. The veteran American was reckoned to be too wily a bird for the honest style of Neuhaus but the latter's advantage in age and weight told against Maxim's experience. Neuhaus, boxed coolly from the opening round, and the German won handily. The edge was taken off this victory by Maxim's later defeat by Mino Bozzano in Italy.

Germany's latest heavyweight hope, Ulli Ritter, came in at 202 against Allin Cherville, Belgium, 188, in the chief supporting bout. Ritter won hands down but it was a confused, fumbling affair for all of the ten rounds, with Cherville fighting a crude defensive action.

Gert Muller, crackerjack welter from Dusseldorf, nearly flattened Roger Facqueur in the first round but the Frenchman recovered to last the eight rounds as points loser and in a cruiser slam, Rolf Peters stopped Michel Dinot of France in round six. Toni Gruber, 191, outdistanced Louis Debolster, 222, over four rounds and Karl Wagner made a successful debut by stopping Heinz Klein in the fourth round of a lightweight scrap. All German lightweights stop Klein in their professional debuts, it seems. The program was well attended, registering 7,500 spectators.

▶ **Madrid,** Spain—In two lightweight duels, Luis Magro stopped Santiago Frances in three and Aurelio Pardo bested Jose Basora over eight. In a feathers bout, Ricardo Navarro stopped Alfredo De Sosa in five.

▶ In **Barcelona,** Francisco Ortega surprised by holding experienced Francisco Frances to a draw in a middles eight.

▶ **Cagliari,** Italy. Fortunato Manca, who was one of 1957's busiest fighters, continued his string of wins by outdistancing the French welter, Michel Lombardet over eight rounds. Paolo Melis returned to his native soil after a long sojourn in Canada to decision the Spanish welter, Gil Suarez, in eight and Gianni Zuddas nodded Rodriguez of Spain in a bantam eight.

▶ **Brussels,** Belgium.—Jef Janssens, the rugged Belgian welter, was lucky to get the decision here against Jacques Herbillon, French champ, after ten close rounds. Janssens won the early rounds but the Frenchman came back strongly towards the end of the bout and did well enough to earn a draw.

Bob Roger scored a good points win over Henri Corbanese in a feathers eight and Gino Menozzi threw a spanner in the works by stopping the hitherto undefeated local cruiser, Jean Malcorps in round three. Louis van Hoeck decisioned Devisch in a feathers 10.

▶ At **Antwerp,** Jean Ruellet of France sprung another upset by stopping strong Abel Soudan with a cut eye in the eighth session of a middles clash. Jean Hoeffler gained a debatable win over Toon Schuurmans of Holland in a welter eight.

▶ **Milan,** Italy—At the National Theater, Giancarlo Garbelli was sadly off form against Boswell St. Louis of Trinidad and won his welter ten by a narrow points margin while Mario Vecchiatto likewise disappointed with a mediocre win over Ebe Mensah, Ghana lightie, in another ten.

Franco Pinto licked Elio Busetto in a welter eight and Giuffrida kayoed Cogrossi in the third frame of a feathers argument.

▶ In **Rome**—Emile Vidal, French heavy, was ruled out in the sixth round of a fairly even scrap for alleged butting of Bruno Scarabellin. Ted Wright, American welter, completely outclassed Stefano Bellotti and the latter was taken out of action at the end of the third round while Sergio Caprari proved the most efficient Italian on show by trouncing colored Bobby Bell in an electric feathers ten. Ottavio Panunzi stopped Moruggi in the third of a cruiser slam and Bruno Illagi iced Della Corte in the second heat of a middles affair.

▶ At **Bologna,** Massimo Zanaboni punched out an easy win over Gianbattista Alfonsetti in a heavyweight ten.

▶ **Paris**—At the Salle Wagram, Francois Anewy won an excellent middles ten from stubborn Robert Guivarch, displaying great skill in the process. Bernard Lambert subbed at the last minute but did not suffer the usual fate of substitutes, beating Alf Vaillant in a bantam eight while Maneul Sosa stopped Michel Clavel in round nine of a welter battle.

▶ **Abidjan,** French West Africa. — Wim Snoek, Holland's best cruiser, was imported to test out Yao Kouame, the local prospect and after a rather even contest was declared loser over ten rounds.

Jules Touan, erratic as ever, turned in a poor performance against Tove Allotey of Ghana in a feathers ten but received a disputed verdict. Ta Joseph, local lightie, debuted with a points win over Taveno Ado of Ghana in six rounds.

▶ **Oran,** Algeria.—Ignored in France, Guy Gracia tackled Bobby Ros here in order to keep busy. The Parisian was more than Ros's equal in punch and in experience and gained a well-earned decision after ten hard rounds. Later, Gracia went on to stop Willie Toweel, darling of British crowds, in Glasgow.

On the same card at Oran, Lou Mourros scored a rare win by nodding Hamouda Bouraoui in a middles eight.

▶ At the Paris Central, Bobby Dilp iced Marcel Watel in the second heat of a bantam slam and at **Montargis,** Jean Boulas whipped Brondel in a bantam eight.

▶ At **Perigueux,** Edouard Ptak laced Ahcene Attar in a good lightie ten, while at **Sens,** Esteban Martin suffered his second pro defeat by losing out to Andre Gasperini in a lively flyweight ten.

▶ **Madrid,** Spain.—Latest middles prospect, Millan de la Cuerda, drew here with Francisco Ortega over eight rounds while Rafael Gayo licked Miranda in a feathers eight. Later, at the same venue, Chato Ramos, torrid Canary Islander, belted out Jose Calduenio in the fifth heat of a lightie larrup and Juanito Segura put the skids under Luis Barba, also in the fifth round, in a good flyweight hitting bee. Antonio Martin completed the kayo parade by blitzing Delfin Gracia in the third of a welter bout.

▶ **Milan,** Italy.—The Hercules of the Lakes, Bruno Scarabellin, lived up to his name by the impressive way in which he disposed of the German, Hans Friedrich, albeit via the points route. Friedrich, 196, was completely foxed by the Italian's southpaw stance and in the seventh round was dropped for "8" by a left hook to the liver. This seemingly jerked him out of himself and the Teuton came back strongly to take the last three rounds but could not upset big Bruno, who ended a clear winner.

Another German, Willi Quattuor, did much better and battled his way to a split decision against the Trieste Bad News, Aldo Pravisani, in a feathers ten. Fortunato Manca continued unbeaten, stopping Luis Gonzales of Spain in the sixth session of a welter affair. All profits went to the benefit of Tino Cardinale, the blinded Italian bantam star, who is undergoing a series of operations.

▶ At **Modena,** Aristide Pozzali was way off form, being held to a draw by Stefano Urbani in a flyweight eight.

▶ **Bologna,** Italy.—Franco Cavicchi threw punches with his old conviction when faced with Giannino Luise, recent conqueror of De Persio, and thumped his way to a solid points victory after ten rounds. Giancarlo Garbelli easily outscored Angelo Brisci in a middleweight eight and Marcello Padovani edged Nedo Stampi in a fast welter eight.

▶ At **Brescia,** Santo Amonti, known as the Hammer of Brescia, pounded out a decision over the Tunisian middle, Tino Albanese, in ten.

▶ **Oldenburg,** Germany.—Although in the veteran stage, Rudi Langer had plenty of style and ability to counter the youth of Manfred Neuke when they met for the lat-

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(MONTH ENDING MAY 21, 1958)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoppner (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)
2. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Emilio Marconi (I)
3. Willi Besmanoff (G)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Seraphin Ferrer (F)
4. Mino Bozzano (I)	Charles Colin (F)	Max Resch (G)	Bruno Visintin (I)
5. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Uwe Janssen (G)	Andre Drille (F)	Fortunato Manca (I)
6. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Jacq. Herbillon (F)
7. Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Yao Kouame (F)	Michel Diouf (F)	Ben Buker II (S)
8. Albert Westphal (G)	Wim Snoek (H)	Leen Jansen (H)	Valere Benedetto (F)
9. Hans Friedrich (G)	Dieter Wemhoner (G)	Francois Anewy (F)	Chris Christensen (D)
10. Jose Gonzales (S)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Jef Janssens (B)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Lahouari Godih (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Robert Pollazon (F)
3. Fred Galiana (S)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Piero Rollo (I)	R Jose Ogazon (S)
4. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
5. Felix Chiocca (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Jean Guerrard (F)
6. Piet van Klaveren (H)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Edgar Basel (G)
7. Fernand Nollet (F)	Giordano Campari (I)	Eugene Le Cozanet (F)	Ben Ali (S)
8. Germano Cavalieri (I)	Jules Touan (F)	Pentti Hamalainen (FN)	Andre Gasperini (F)
9. Epiphane Akono (F)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Dante Bini (F)	Francisco Carreno (S)
10. Guy Gracia (F)	Louis Poncy (F)	Abdel Azzouz (F)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden.

ter's German lightweight title. Langer swept right ahead from the first round and was way in front by the seventh. The decision, a draw, was badly received by press and public alike.

Horst Niche, 170, decisioned Gerhard Van Eyk in a rather confused eight-rounder and Helmut Mistol licked Gerhard Moll in a welter six. Harry Kurschat stopped Tony Van Eyk in the second heat of a lightie slam and Walter Staar debuted by halting Max Neumann in the second round of a middles bout. Finally, Walter Haufft, 203, won by a mile over crude Hans Drabes, 224, in a six-rounder.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain.—Francisco Carreno retained his high ranking by getting the better of promising Santos Seoane in a scintillating bantam ten here.

▶ At **Bilbao,** Carmelo Beraza punched out a win over Hamida in a welter ten.

▶ **Paris.**—At the Central, Cesar Fuentes stopped Samba in the fourth of a lightweight encounter and Emile Baldacchino bested Denis Flores in a middles six.

▶ At **Tours,** Jean Guerrard made a dramatic return to action by belting out highly-touted Christian Marchand in seven rounds, after bouncing the Parisian flyweight from pillar to post. Guericher flattened Oberto in the second session of a bantam slam.

▶ At **Epernay**—where Robert Meunier is seldom beaten, the local bantam kept the slate clean by decisioning Jean Renard in a close ten.

▶ **Geneva,** Switzerland.—Maurice Auzel, now almost a Swiss subject, whipped Michel Francois in a close welter ten here.

▶ **Tourcoing,** France.—The local lightweight hope, Francois Jooris, debuted here with a points win over Claude Duponchel of Belgium.

▶ At **St. Quentin,** Paul Roux gained another success by trouncing Constant Plut, Belgian cruiser, over eight.

▶ In **Paris,** Louis Poncy finally regained his winning ways by soundly beating Tanny Campo, Filipino bantam, over ten rounds at the Salle Wagram. The Tunisian lightie, Guizani Rezgui, stopped Jean Santanbien in the eighth.

▶ At the Central, Andre Valignat took on a full-blooded lightweight in the person of Cyprien Carrie, but the tough Paris blond nevertheless pounded his way to a clear points win after ten rounds.

▶ **Rome,** Italy.—The excellent American welter, Ted Wright, continued his invasion of the Peninsula by whacking another visitor, Sandy Manuel of Nigeria, in a good ten while Bruno Visintin had it easy against Gil Suarez of Spain, belting out the Iberian in round two.

Franco Scisciani, rising middles threat, trimmed Louis Trochon, French mulatto, in a tough eight.

▶ **Helsinki,** Finland.—Promoter Elis Ask had another packed house here at the Exhibition Hall and for the very good reason that Pentti Hamalainen, in his third pro outing, was matched with Dante Bini, highly-rated Frenchman. The Kotka Clouter was in prime condition and won every round from the visitor, though for the whole eight rounds both men were engaged in a battle of wits and no blood was spilt.

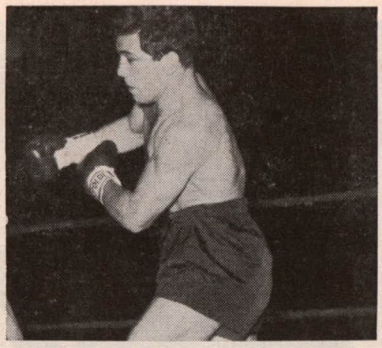
The drama was provided by muscle-man Pekka Kokkonen, who battered Henny Van Berkum five times to the canvas before the bout was halted in round three. Kokkonen thereby gained revenge for his Oslo defeat last November.

Risto Luukonen iced Gerd Berkhout in the fourth round of a flyweight slam and Pentti Rautiainen, a lightweight, took things easy in beating Lionel Jahier, a French feather who subbed at the last moment. The only successful visitor was Sugar Ray, the dynamic colored Dutch feather, who won well and truly over blond Olavi Ouvinen in eight rounds.

▶ **Frankfurt,** Germany.—There seemed no point in matching Erich Schoppner, Golden Boy of the cruiser division, with a competent heavyweight like Henry Cooper. The bout was a disappointment though not lacking in thrills. In the third round, the German leaped in with a smashing left to Cooper's head, followed by a right which dropped the Yorkshireman like a fallen tree. He staggered to his feet at "8" and parried Schoppner's attack until the gong a few seconds later.

In the following two rounds, Cooper made up for lost ground with excellent boxing, although suffering from a cut eye.

In the sixth Schoppner took over the mastery with his snaking lefts. Cooper suddenly grabbed the German's arm and swung him half way across the ring. As the referee stepped forward to caution him, Cooper stepped over to Schoppner and threw over a long right which caught his astonished foe squarely in the nape of the neck. At that



Duilio Loi, No. 1 ranking world lightweight, was below par in his bout at Milan, Italy with Al Nevarez of Mexico, who fought extremely well but lost a close ten round decision.

instant, Schoppner still had his back to Cooper. A loud storm of protest filled the hall and the referee had no option but to disqualify the Englishman and Schoppner was helped out of the ring.

In a turbulent middles eight, Peter Muller, alternately boxed and rough-housed his way to a clear points win over Michel Masson of France and in a heavyweight slam, Ossi Buttner stopped Marcel Limage of Belgium in the sixth round due to a broken nose. Both men fell out of the ring during the fifth.

Another Belgian, Andre Wyns, 191, lost out to Manfred Schneider over six rounds and Harry Kurschat punched too hard for Victor Sercu, Belgian lightie, who was halted in the second. Rudolf Nehring stopped Lothar Heimann in the third round of a middles bout. The gate was around 6,000.

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Leopold Potesil had a shaky debut. His foe, Renato Giacche, dropped the Viennese three times in the opening round but Potesil came back strongly to win this welter six by a narrow margin.

In another welter slam, Ziyaris Taki of Turkey whipped Roberto Conti over eight and in a feathers six, Alois Maxa nodded Stefano of Italy. Gerhard Topf shared the verdict with Morcilli, Italy, in a level bantam six.

▶ **Munich,** Germany. — After many years campaigning, it was finally permitted Ernst Zetzmann to capture the national welter title after a stormy meeting with champion Günter Hase. The latter had apparently not fully recovered from his hard title-defense against Gerd Müller and was caught on the wrong foot right in the opening round. Southpaw Zetzmann pressed home his advantage but hung back when he had Hase in bad trouble. In the eleventh Zetzmann hammered his opponent into submission and Hase's corner slung in the towel.

Rudy Langer won well over the Italian lightie, Remo Viarengo, in eight and Conny Rudhoff pasted Paolo Ferrero of Italy in a lightweight six. Ernie Melchior debuted with a clear win over Herbert Sowa in a cruiser four and Karl Wagner likewise made his bow in the paid ranks, stopping Nino Manconi of Italy in the fourth round of a good lightweight scuffle. Finally, Hans Häfner returned to action with a win over Klaus Miska in a welter four wind-up.

▶ **Milan,** Italy. A crowd of 8,000 attended the summer opening of the Vigorelli Stadium, with Joey Maxim headlining against Mino Bozzano. The new Italian prospect was no more impressed by Maxim's shopworn box of tricks than had been Neuhaus previously and he used his youth and strength to wear down the American veteran. Maxim was never in trouble but often obliged to clinch his way out of danger.

On the same bill, Duilio Loi was below par in his luel with Al Nevarez of Mexico, who fought extremely well and appeared to have done enough to earn a draw with the Italian. But Loi got the verdict and boos from the crowd. Italo Scortichini, Italy's sole representative among Europe's leading middles, won in a canter from tough Gino Rossi in twelve-rounder valid for the vacant title.

JESSE BOWDRY FIGHTER WITH A FUTURE

(*Continued from page 17*)

times—took the punches, worked out of the daze and finished strongly.

What was a pleasure was to watch Bowdry's sharp left jab which proved a fine weapon. Though he hit Hinnant consistently with his right, the blows apparently had little effect.

However, there was no question about the outcome. Bowdry had a big edge with all three officials. Judge Bill Doty scored it 50-43 under the five-point-must system. Judge Lou Capparelli had it 48-42 and Referee Walter Brightmore 49-41.

Hinnant, knowing that he was hopelessly outpointed, tried for a knockout in the tenth round. He pressed in and kept on top of Bowdry, but the panther-fast youngster ducked, danced and weaved and Hinnant couldn't land a clean shot.

From now on all eyes are on Bowdry. Each fight he takes from here on, he must prove himself. Mediocrity will get him nowhere. A couple of sensational wins, achieved at the expense of fighters, rated over him, can see him in line for a title shot.

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ORVILLE PITTS, WISCONSIN HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, won the unanimous decision over Art Swiden of Pittsburg in ten rounds at the Milwaukee Auditorium. A gathering of 4,018 saw Pitts get off the floor in the 4th round to score heavily with a sharp left jab and potent right to get the decision. Weight: Pitts, 179½; Swiden, 193.

George Jarosch, 173, Milwaukee, split decision over Chuck Whittley, 171, Milwaukee in 8 rounds.

Arley Seifer, 147½, Pittsburgh, unanimous decision over Dick Bartman, 143½, Milwaukee in 8.

Ernie Smith, 162, Pittsburgh, knocked out Floyd Brooks, 155, Detroit, in 2 minutes 38 seconds of second round.

Howard Thomas, 158½, Milwaukee, technical knockout over Bob Townsend, 157½, Milwaukee, in 1:26 of third round.

Merlin Fink, 146¾, Milwaukee, technical knockout over Blackie Haynes, 146½, Detroit, in 2:41 of first.

Attendance, 4,018. Receipts, $7,919.20 gross and $7,199.36 net. Promoter, Midwest Boxing club.

▶ Savior Canadeo of Green Bay was elected chairman of the State Athletic Commission at the commission's monthly meeting. He replaces Billy Goodsitt who served as chairman for two years. Goodsitt was elected vice chairman.

▶ Rumors that boxing would be dropped at the University of Wisconsin upon the retirement of coach Johnny Walsh were dispelled in a statement to the press by Athletic Director Ivy Williamson who said boxing was a vigorous sport and would be retained as a major sport.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

ST. PAUL AUDITORIUM:—DEL FLANAGAN, 150, ST. PAUL, WON THE FIGHT HE HAD TO WIN WHEN he took a close decision over Walt Byers, 154½, by a late rally in a ten round main event.

In the semi windup, Al Andrews 159¾, St. Paul, making a comeback put up a great fight with Jesse Grey, 158¾, outpointed him in eight rounds. Andrews is handled by the Emmett Weller who has all the leading fighters around the Twin Cities except Flanagan.

Wiley Johnson, 150½, Chicago, outpointed Jim McNamara, 149, St. Paul (4).

Connie Lee, 206½, River Falls Wis., outpointed Bob Hardy, 180, Minneapolis, (4).

The gate of 8,000 was below expectations. Promoter Jack Raleight needed a gate of 12 Grand to break even but will catch up when Flanagan boxes either Galivan or Turner in St. Paul.

Charlie Retzlaff, former heavyweight fighter who boxed Joe Louis and all the good heavyweights and was quite a puncher in his day, now is proprietor of one of the best gymnasiums ever to be in St. Paul. Helping Charlie is Mike Zerrazzo a veteran of 25 years in handling boxers in the north west.

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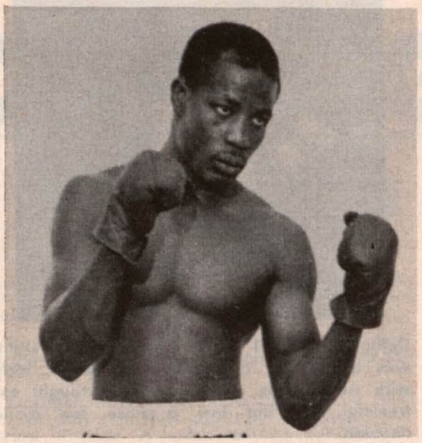

Gerald Gray, welterweight champion of the British West Indies, a clever boxer who has recently returned to Jamaica after a trip to England where he made a big hit. Gerald holds wins over Teddy (Red Top) Davis, Hector Constance, Eddie Phillips, Phil Burton, Rudolph Bent, Hugh Serville, Panama champion Jose Edwin, and Rocky Ferguson. Very popular with his Kingston fans, Gerald is rated one of the top boxers in the islands and is shooting for a match with Yama Bahama.

TEXAS & MID-SOUTH BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

DALLAS, TEXAS, RALPH SMITH, PROMOTER:—Reagan "Buddy" Turman didn't waste much time in getting rid of a somewhat surprised Jack Jacobs of New York. Turman walked right out there, and demolished the Easterner in a couple of minutes of the opening heat. Buddy scaled 184, and Jack 194. Jimmy Martinez, 160, the Arizona traveler, edged young Norris Burse, 158, Houston, in a fast ten round contest. Ray Riojas, 138, Ft. Worth, barely got by Ray Portilla, 140, New York, in the third ten.

Tommy "Hurricane" Sims, 180, Los Angeles, decisioned the burly Ponce DeLeon, 215, Dallas, in a four rounder. Curtis Cokes, 146, Dallas, beat Gil Tapia, 138, San Antonio, in another four.

▶ Brownsville, Texas, Ramon Ruenes, Promoter:— Miguel Coronado, 149, Brownsville, continues to beat everything in sight. This time the young brawler hammered out a 10 round decision over Francisco Castro, 148, and looked very good. In an eight round contest, Antonio Barcenaz, 117, stopped Ruben Herrera, 116, in the final round. Hilario Molina, 133, won over Pedro Rivera, 129, in the third round on a foul.

Odessa, Texas, A. P. Brown, Promoter:— The mauler from Midlothian, Donnie Fleeman, slugged his was to a wild 12 round victory over Alvin Green of Tyler. Fleeman's Texas lightheavy title was at stake, and it was his third meeting with Green. The Tyler boy, who is now in the Army, won the initial meeting, and Fleeman had won the second by a kayo. Each came in at 175.

In one of the night's finest action battles, Manuel Gonzalez, 144, Odessa, stopped the roughhouse brawler from Beaumont, Curtis Woolwine, 145, in the fourth round of the semi-final. Henry Salcido, 136, Pecos, decisioned Garland Randall, 135, Tyler, in a fast moving six. Ruben Munoz, 130½, Odessa, stopped veteran Sonny Sehon, 138, Houston, in the second frame. Willie Vaughn, 132, Tyler, had to go all out to beat Howard "Golden Boy" Millsap, 132, Lubbock, in a pleasing six.

▶ Brownsville, Texas, Ramon Ruenes, Promoter:— Continuing with his weekly boxing program Ramon Ruenes hasn't missed a week since before the first of the year. In the top bout, Pedro Gonzales, 118, kayoed Jorge Gomez, 118, after eight rounds of action. Gustavo Carrera, 120, decisioned Abel Pena, 116, in eight rounds. Gus O'Horan, 128, got the decision over Hilario Molina, 132, in a crowd pleasing six.

▶ Brownsville, Texas, Ramon Ruenes, Promoter:—Joe Cancio, 150, looked good in trimming Manuel Gutierrez, 156, in an action packed ten round bout. Pedro "Baby" Campos, 126, beat Miguel Juarez, 130, in eight rounds. Jose Verchines, 113, and Francisco Ortiz, 114, fought to a six round even steven affair.

▶ Brownsville, Texas, Ramon, Ruenes, Promoter:—Elias Reyes, 127, stopped Martin Vasquez, 128, in the eight round, and it was a good win for the little battler. Gustavo Carrera, 123, continues to rack up wins, and his latest triumph was over Antonio Rodriguez, 128, in eight rounds. Hilario Molina, 132, stopped Pedro Rivera, 130, in the second.

▶ Dallas, Texas, Ralph Smith, Promoter:— Once again Paul Jorgensen proved his right to his lofty rating. In his latest, he owned rugged Russ Tague the Davenport, Iowa battler. Dropping his game foe a couple of times, the bout was finally stopped in the tenth and final round. The fight was never in question. Paul weighed 131, Tague, 130.

Donnie Fleeman, 175, Midlothian, stopped Sgt. Matt Jackson, 175, Ft. Carson, Colo., in the ninth round of their ten. Curtis Cokes, Leach, 147, Daytona Beach, and is a mighty 146, Dallas, won over the experienced Jimmy fine prospect. It went the six round limit. Henry Watson, 138, Dallas, surprised with a nifty four round win over Willie Vaughn, 139, Tyler. Garland Randall, 129, Tyler, defeated Rudy Gonzales, 128, Dallas, in another four.

▶ Beaumont, Texas, Sabine Athletic Club, Promoters:—Ray Riojas, 137, Texas lightweight champ from Ft. Worth, found the going a bit rough and had a tough time of it with Bobby Garza, 138, Corpus Christi. Riojas won a 10 round decision, but there's talk of a rematch for the title now. The veteran Garza was at his best.

Danny Salazar, 143, Houston, broke his hand in a winning effort against Curtis Daigle, 142, Beaumont, in a four rounder. Harvey Gipson, 162, Port Arthur, stopped Arthur Jones, 161, Houston, in the opening round due to a cut eye. Henry Salcido, 136, Pecos, was too much for Dean Shearin, 135, Port Arthur, and stopped the previous unbeaten Dick Menchaco protege in the fifth round of the semi-final.

▶ Carruthersville, Missouri, Mid-South Boxing Ent.:—Dale Davis returned to Missouri, this time at the Armory in Carruthersville, and his opponent was Miguel Corondo, billed out of Matamaros, Mexico, and their great action battle will be talked about for months to come. Davis dropped the sensational young Mexican star in an early round, but Miguel came up swinging and it ended with both still banging away at each other in the tenth round. Davis, of nearby Senath, Mo., was the winner but fans immediately asked for a rematch of this chiller. Davis weighed in at 146, Coronado, 147.

MOBILE, ALA., NOTES
By Art Drago

MOBILE, ALA.—Mobile had only one fight card during the month of April and it was a disappointing one.

A crowd of 1,247 paying customers contributed a gross gate of $2,339.40—highest since the sport was resumed here last year—but they didn't get much of a show as unbeaten Mobile welterweight Guy Sumlin hardly worked up a sweat in stopping Joe Polanco of Victoria, Texas in three rounds.

Polanco went out meekly in the third after absorbing some lusty body punches in the first two heats. The Texan was dropped three times in the third round before the scrap was halted but it was evident that it was more lack of a desire to fight which floored Polanco than the power of the blows he took.

Boxing moved out of doors during May with a card scheduled May 12. Promoter Tom Nelson plans outdoor shows every three weeks during the summer season. With the town definitely on the up beat as a boxing center, Nelson hopes to corral some bigger names for his outdoor shows.

Mickey Brown 157, unbeaten Houston middleweight, scored his 13th straight victory, stopping Curt Woolwine, 150, Beaumont, in the third.

Carleton Wilson, 147½, Mobile, stopped Chief Sam Williams, 152, Beaumont, in the second.

THE FIVE ROUNDER

By BEN OLAN

So you think you're a boxing expert, huh? Then get ready to put on the gloves and start swinging. "The Five Rounder" is designed to see how much you know about the fight game and, at the same time, enable you to engage in a simulated bout.

Each round in the quiz has three multiple choice questions. You win the round by answering at least two questions in each round correctly.

If you win three or more rounds, you win the fight.

Ready? Come out punching at the bell. The decision is on page 66.

ROUND ONE

1. Eight times in the history of heavyweight boxing a championship bout has ended in a one-round knockout. Was the last one between:

a—Rocky Marciano and Jersey Joe Walcott? b—Floyd Patterson and Pete Rademacher? c—Joe Louis and Tami Mauriello?

2. One of the contenders in the recent welterweight elimination tournament was Mexico's Gaspar Ortega. Was he eliminated by:

a—Virgil Akins? b—Vince Martinez? c—Isaac Logart?

3. Middleweight champion Ray Robinson has made a business of regaining the 160-pound title. But among the lightweights only four have won back the crown. They included Tony Canzoneri, Lou Ambers and Bob Montgomery. Was the other one:

a—Jimmy Carter? b—Ike Williams? c—Benny Leonard?

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ROUND TWO

1. Former heavyweight king Ezzard Charles recently announced that he will attempt a comeback. Did Charles lose his title on a:

a—15 round decision to Rocky Marciano? b—seventh round knockout by Jersey Joe Walcott? c—eighth round knockout by Rocky Marciano?

2. A German middleweight who recently was beaten by France's Charles Humez and sustained his first loss in 69 pro bouts was:

a—Heinz Neuhaus? b—Peter Mueller? c—Gustav Scholz?

3. Only one of these ex-champions fought for more than 20 years (1928-1948) before he hung up his gloves. Was he:

a—Fritzie Zivic? b—Chalky Wright? c—Gus Lesnevich?

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ROUND FIVE

1. In one of these states only a referee (No judges) is used to determine the outcome of fights. Is it:

a—Illinois? b—New Jersey? c—Pennsylvania?

2. The record for gate receipts for a non-heavyweight fight was set in New York. Did it feature:

a—Ray Robinson and Randy Turpin in 1951? b—Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano in 1947? c—Barney Ross and Jimmy McLarnin in 1934?

3. A one-time heavyweight contender who has been having more than moderate success on the New York stage is:

a—Lou Nova? b—Edward Mulhare? c—Lee Oma?

See page 66

ROUND THREE

1. Alex Miteff, a fast-rising young heavyweight from Argentina, has lost only one pro bout—and that was by a knockout. Was he whipped by:

a—Julio Medoros? b—Mike DeJohn? c—Johnny Holman?

2. One of these motion pictures which had boxing as its central theme was NOT based on the life of a famous fighter. Was it:

a—"Kid Galahad"? b—"Gentleman Jim"? c—"Monkey on My Back"?

3. There have been nine $1,000,000 gates in boxing history. One of these bouts was not among them. Was it:

a—Jack Dempsey and Jack Sharkey in 1927? b—Joe Louis and Jim Braddock in 1937? c—Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier in 1921?

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ROUND FOUR

1. The Carnival of Champion in New York's Polo Grounds on Sept. 23, 1937 was one of the best boxing cards ever put together. It had four championship bouts. A participant in one of them was:

a—Lou Ambers? b—Jimmy McLarnin? c—Freddie Steele?

2. A highly-ranked lightheavyweight who recently retired and then "unretired" in the space of 48 hours is:

a—Yvon Durelle? b—Chuck Speiser? Yolande Pompey?

3. Ray Robinson has failed to go the distance in only one of the 150 bouts in which he's participated. Was he stopped by:

a—Jake LaMotta? b—Joey Maxim? c—Randy Turpin?

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FADEOUTS

(Continued from page 13)

"Being in a place where you talk fights has got to educate you if you stick around . . . you hear about situations that come up in a fight and, when it happens to you, you know what to do.

"Nowadays there are name fighters who only know what they've gone through in say, 15 or 20 fights . . . for example, if somebody pulls a shift on them and hits them with a left in the belly from a southpaw stance, they'd be lost.

"Boxing's a trade that you have to learn in the gym. Then you fight to perfect what you learned."

What the average outsider invariably doesn't understand is that, even a fighter who has perfected his knowledge doesn't go as well one night as another, however close together they come.

Art Winch, now an important cog in the Illinois State Athletic Commission machine but formerly trainer of Tony Zale and Barney Ross, among others, used Zale as his illustration.

"By the time of Tony's third fight with Rocky Graziano, he was an old man as fighters go," Art said. *"But, if you remember, he was a tiger that night. He moved in on Graziano with left hooks and had him bouncing up and down, stopped him in the third.*

"Only three months later, Tony was in with Marcel Cerdan. Now Cerdan was older than Graziano, even if he was faster. But all things considered, Zale should have been just as good as against Graziano.

"At that, Cerdan gave him plenty of respect. I remember him hurting Cerdan in the body and Cerdan holding but he couldn't follow up. When it ended in the 12th round, it was just a case of old age replacing energy in Zale."

Jack (Doc) Moore, Al Weill's old crony but a topflight second in his own right in the twenties and thirties, is convinced that young fighters today are good raw material which never matures because it doesn't get proper seasoning.

"Take a piece of wood from a saw mill," he suggested, *"and right away put it out on a building where it's exposed to rain, snow and so forth. In six months it will be bent like a pretzel.*

"Keep that same piece of wood in a cool, dry spot for a year before you use it in construction. It will stand up as if it's made of iron.

"I used to watch Jack Britton work on his jab in the gym. It got so that in fights he wouldn't even have to think to do it, his left arm would flip up almost automatically. That's what I mean by seasoning.

"If there aren't enough clubs around, I would advise the people who run TV fights to pay for 'private fights' in the gym. I mean, foot the bill for the boys to box six and eight rounds under regular conditions. After all, who suffers but the promoter or his sponsor when the kids they bring up turn out to be lemons?"

Such competitive testing in private was an institution years ago. In recent years Cus D'Amato did it with Patterson.

SOMETIMES FADE-OUTS FIND NO EXPLANATION

Sometimes the mystery of collapse by a spectacular starter is apart from the question of lack of experience.

Possibly you remember Nate Brooks, the Cleveland bantamweight woh was on the 1952 Olympic team with Patterson. At Helsinki Nate collected rave notices as he won the flyweight championship. When he turned pro early the following year, he likewise was the toast of whatever city he boxed in. He had fast hands, fast mentality.

For his ninth pro fight, though he never had gone over six rounds, Teddy Brenner, enterprising matchmaker, then at Eastern Parkway Arena, put Brooks into a North American bantamweight championship fight at 12 rounds with Billy Peacock, holder of the crown.

It was on TV and, the way Brooks operated in stopping Peacock in eight rounds, he was the talk of the country the next day. One radio commentator, who normally ignores boxing or damns it with faint praise, devoted fully five minutes to Nate. He hailed him as "a boy who fights like an old timer, it will take a real good fighter to lick him, etc."

In his next two starts he continued to show class. Then he went to Mexico City to defend his title against Raton Macias. He took a licking. In subsequent starts he kept on losing. What's more, he began to get knocked out. He'd lost three in a row by KO, including a one-round stiffening by Peacock, by the time he retired during 1956.

The tragedy of Brooks had nothing to do with inadequate schooling. Even when being whipped or stopped, he had more class than his foes. The thing was that he just neglected his condition. He drove Ike Bernstein, his venerable manager, half crazy with his refusal to buckle down.

Glove-fitting the major premise of this article, however, was Larry Boardman, the dream boat of a prospect from Marlboro, Conn. Here you had a handsome, well-mannered blond youth with dynamite in his fists.

Only 16 when he began fighting pro in Florida, Larry was a sensation in preliminary fights. He was jumped to 10-round bouts before his 19th birthday, taking on the likes of Kenny Lane and other rough customers.

In another year Boardman, featured around the New England area, was winning from Wallace (Bud) Smith and Sandy Saddler, then lightweight and featherweight champion. He came to New York and, in a national TV scrap, turned in a sparkling knockout of Frankie Ryff. He followed it up with a Boston KO of ex-lightweight king Jimmy Carter.

At this point his contract probably was worth $100,000. But one year later he wasn't worth a tenth of that. Why? He had been advanced too rapidly for his age and experience. And, against the durables of the category into which he'd been catapulted, all his true greenness came out. Old Orlando Zulueta was the first to expose his boxing faults. From there on, it was downhill against almost anybody.

The case histories must include the late Vince Foster, because his brilliant surge as a welterweight came to an abrupt end for reasons peculiarly his own.

Foster had been managed by Jack Hurley, one of the most skillful teachers and managers of all time, as well as a fine promoter.

Jack picked him up in a Chicago gym and promptly instilled in Vince his pet style—trap a rival coming in and let him have a pole-axing right hand counter.

Foster had magnetism—an American Indian, he'd joined up with the Moody Bible Institute and soon was making stump speeches as an evangelist. Moreover, he never quit trying to convert Hurley to his fire-and-brimstone ethics.

"I wouldn't listen to any of that," Jack later said, *"I never quite made Foster out . . . daytime he was the most popular and polite guy around, nights he'd slink in and out of alleys and backstreet bars, talking to hardly anybody. I called him Jekyll-Hyde."*

Still, under Hurley's tutelage, he moved up to a Madison Square Garden semifinal. It was so outstanding a fight that they wasted no time in matching him with Tony Pellone, one of the better New Yorkers of that vintage in his weight, in a main event.

Foster, taking every cue from Hurley, worked ruthlessly on Pellone's body and midway in the match Pellone's legs began to play him false. The wise ones could scent it as the result of the drumfire in the waist region . . . as the saying goes, 'kill the body and the head will die.' And Tony fully came apart a few rounds later.

In his victor's dressing room, Foster enhanced the legend. He told newsmen, *"I didn't win this, The Lord did it for me . . . you know, when I fight, I don't*

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FAMOUS NAVY FIGHTERS

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to be particularly outstanding in boxing. He enlisted from Decatur, Illinois. His name was Ken Overlin.

Ken was a clever boxer. The "Idaho" was not in the Fleet at the time and Ken claimed no Navy titles. But he could have gone high had he been permitted to participate in Fleet championship competition.

He never won a world crown, but he did hold the New York State version of it. On May 23, 1940, he outpointed Ceferino Garcia in fifteen rounds in New York and lost his N. Y. championship to Billy Soose, another Navy man, in May, 1941 through a decision.

KEN OVERLIN'S RAPID RISE TO FISTIC FAME

Another good middleweight was Frankie Remus. He was in the Asiatic Fleet and was champion of the Far East. Assigned to the USS "Tennessee". When the "Tennessee" was assigned to the East Coast from the Pacific waters, Remus was matched with the West Coast champion, Jimmy Walsh, a popular lad who had won many ring battles along the Pacific, and Remus won. The "Tennessee" was based at Norfolk where Ken Overlin at the time was stationed and a contest was arranged between Ken and Remus. That was a big night for the boys in blue, with their sea of white hats engulfing the ringside.

Overlin with heavy backing won easily and became the top gob East, West, North and South. He was named the outstanding middleweight in the Navy and well did he furnish proof of his powers by what happened later. Under the guidance of Chris Dundee, now Florida's leading promoter, Overlin gained the heights in his chosen profession as a pro boxer. He beat the best opposition in the pro ranks around Norfolk, Washington, Philadelphia, Richmond, Atlantic City, Pittsburgh and New York. He went to Paris and lost a ten rounder to Kid Tunero, then returned to the States where in his first bout in New York he whipped Fred Apostoli, of California, another Navy gob in a thrilling ten rounder.

After he lost to Freddie Steele who stopped him in four rounds in Seattle, and to Walter Woods in New York, Ken went to Australia where he dropped a decision to Fred Heneberry and drew with Atilio Sabbatino. Then he came back to America to climb to the top. On May 23, 1940, he won the New York supported middleweight championship.

When he retired, Overlin for a time conducted a radio program. An intelligent, well read young man with a fine personality. Ken knew how to handle the King's English and did well. He's an excellent example of what the Navy can do for its boys.

HONEY BOY FINNEGAN AN EXCELLENT PRO FEATHER

There was another star battler among the sailors, Honey Boy Finnegan who came from Boston and was a member of the USS "North Dakota". He's the gob who after taking the measure of Johnny Dundee, featherweight champ, also defeated Tod Morgan, the Junior Lightweight king, a title then universally accepted.

When an elimination tournament was staged to obtain a successor to Dundee who had announced his retirement, Finnegan was among the uninvited guests although he had defeated most of those who were named to take part, including Bobby Garcia of Baltimore, Danny Kramer of Philadelphia and Jose Lombardo of Panama.

Finnegan had won the Atlantic Fleet championship, the U. S. Navy crown, the South and Central American championship and the Army-Navy title and was one of the best feathers ever developed in the armed forces. Finnegan's record is studded with the names of opponents who rated high in international pugilism, among them Benny Bass, Chick Suggs, Bruce Flowers, Babe Herman, Red Chapman, Goldie Ahearn, Ray Miller, Joe Jawson, Joe Glick, Johnny Jadick, King Tut, Sammy Fuller and Johnny Farr among others.

Finnegan was a fine lad of intelligence. He looked anything but the pugilist. I recall an occasion when he stood before the White House in Washington talking fights and a United States Senator who loved his boxing and frequently attended bouts in the Capitol, seeing him, turned and remarked to me:

"That can't be Honey Boy Finnegan —that rosy-cheeked baby with the pug nose! He looks like an altar boy."

The sailor, overhearing the remark, replied:

"Sir, I heard what you said. I am an altar boy in Boston."

The Navy down through the years has perpetuated hundreds of Tom Sharkey stories, all attributed to the truly great heavyweight, tattooed, Irish-born and colorful. Sailor Tom, had he not fought at a time when the field was loaded with top men far superior to any we can name in the present crop of heavies, would undoubtedly have annexed the world crown. His great contest with James J. Jeffries that went the distance of twenty-five rounds and found him suffering from broken ribs at the end of the battle, necessitating his confinement in a hospital for several weeks, was a ring classic. Consider the men he faced—Jeff, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Corbett, Joe Choynski, Peter Maher, Gus Ruhlin, Alex Greggains, Joe Goddard, Kid McCoy and Tommy Ryan in addition to others slightly less dangerous — and you'll quickly see why I place him so high among the heavyweights.

Sharkey was a ship's corporal, a Navy rating long since obsolete, on the U.S.S. "Philadelphia". It was stationed at Sandwich Islands in the days before they became the Hawaiian Islands under the wing of Uncle Sam, and it was aboard that vessel that he learned his boxing. In "The Ring" magazine's offices in Madison Square Garden, is a handsome old watch, the gift of Sailor Tom to Nat Fleischer. On it is inscribed, "To Father Rainey from Sailor Tom". It is a barometer watch that was presented to the man who was responsible for introducing boxing on Navy vessels.

Father Rainey, the chaplain, was a fighting Irishman. Sharkey often declared that were it not for Father Rainey he never would have put on the gloves. Boxing in the Navy owes much to the Chaplain who staged a number of shows between gobs while stationed with the "Philadelphia" in the Pacific.

Remember Vic McLaglen, the heavyweight who has starred in many thrillers in the movies? He went the limit of six rounds with Jack Johnson after the Galveston Giant had won the heavyweight title, May 10, 1909.

Vic is a hot boxing fan. Ever notice his big tin ear. Up in Vancouver in 1908, Vic faced a 165 pound Navy man who tossed a left hook that put that tin ear on McLaglen and dropped Vic with a thud. The Navy fighter was a Fall River sailor, a thirty year service man named Phil Schlossberg. He later managed Ernie Schaaf who died following a ring contest in the Garden with Primo Carnera. Anyway, Phil helped McLaglen look tougher when he played the part of Captain Flagg in Maxwell Anderson's "What Price Glory". Schlossberg was an excellent amateur boxer who had won the National A.A.U. heavyweight crown.

On the old monitor "Florida", the ship's company was mighty proud of a middleweight named Charles Presse. He went the limit of six rounds with Jack Johnson in 1907 though he scaled only 167 pounds against 198 for his opponent.

Who was Charles Presse? Sailor Burke to you fight fans.

The Sailor had the distinction of stopping the Iron-Man, Joe Grim, after such stalwarts as Bob Fitzsimmons and Johnson failed to do so. Burke fought the best in several classes, including the middleweight champion, Billy Papke.

(In my next article, I will tell my readers a few more stories about great Navy and Marine boxers, including Carmen Basilio.)

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

FOLLOWING HIS FIGHT WITH STAN HAYWARD AT SYDNEY Stadium, lightweight BERT O'KEEFE was taken to hospital in a coma. At time of writing this, he is still in hospital, although on the road to recovery.

Hayward is not a very hard puncher and O'Keefe led into the eighth round. Hayward got on top in the eighth and swarmed over O'Keefe in the ninth, even though Bert did fight back. O'Keefe was not in any trouble at any stage, but, upon returning to his corner at the end of the ninth, he collapsed.

Four days later Bert O'Keefe came round for a little while, although he was eleven days before he really came out of the coma. Medical authorities say he will be okay. Bert is a very likeable lad and popular with everyone.

▶ Hayward fought a return with GEORGE FLEMMING a fortnight later (at Grafton) and Flemming reversed the points decision he lost to Hayward a few weeks before.

▶ In Melbourne, MAX CARLOS, one of our lightweight stars, had the hardest fight of his career when he met the newly-arrived Italian importation, GIORDANO CAMPARI, over 12 rounds. It was a grand fight, with the Italian evening the points over the last bit.

▶ Another Italian importation, also a lightweight, fought Filipino, TOMMY ROMULO at Sydney Stadium. He is GERMANO CAVALIERI and he gained a very narrow decision over the Filipino. Cavalieri fights out of a smother. His defense is well nigh impregnable. Then he fires a number of punches in a burst and retreats behind his shell.

▶ Former welter champion, DARBY BROWN has made a further comeback to boxing. This is his fifth comeback and he could go on to win the national title again, even though, after two fights in his latest comeback, his timing is not what it was. Darby met RAY RICHARDS at Sydney Stadium, in his first bout and boxing well within himself, he won every round. When Richards suffered a deep eye cut, referee Vic Patrick stopped the fight in the seventh and awarded the verdict to Brown.

▶ Also at Sydney Stadium, Darby was tested further. He met BILLY STANLEY and it was a very good fight. Stanley, boxing very well, with his snappy straight left working overtime, won the early rounds well. Brown could not sight his punches well. Then Darby got his eye cut and went in to finish the fight in the sixth. Stanley went with him to make it the most exciting round of the year. Darby was punching harder than Stanley at this stage and he gradually got on top. Stanley suffered cuts around both eyes, and Patrick stopped it in the ninth round, awarding the decision to Brown. At that stage, Darby held a slight lead on points.

▶ Broken Hill Stadium's last promotion saw featherweight POPEYE McNAIR outpoint —Sydney lightweight, ROBBIE ROSSINI in a fairly good fight.

▶ Italian importation, LETTERO PETILLI made his Australian debut at Melbourne Stadium, outpointing former Olympian, BOBBY BATH. They are feathers. It was Bath's fifth pro start and he lacked the experience to combat the Italian. Petilli should be popular here.

▶ A review of our champions: ALLEN WILLIAMS, our heavyweight champion, stands head and shoulders over the rest of the big fellows in the land. He is a smart boxer, with a good percentage of KO wins. Allen defended his title three times in eleven weeks, twice in ten days.

BILLY McDONNELL, our light-heavyweight champion, is a natural middleweight and as honest a fighter as ever stepped into the ring. A boxer, rather than a fighter, he is attractive to watch and is only 21 years of age.

Middleweight champion. CLIVE STEWART, age 21, is a popular tip to go far. He has had little trouble with his opponents. So far he has beaten George Barnes, Milo Savage, Billy Hester and Clarence Cook. He stopped Savage and Cook. He will be tested soon when he meets Neal Rivers.

GEORGE BARNES is nearing the end of a lustrous career. He is 31 years of age and never has been stopped in his career. Was nominated among the six contenders for the vacant world welter title, but refused the offer to go to America to fight in the elimination, although proud of and pleased with the honor of being nominated.

The lightweight champion , GEORGE BRACKEN, is still on a very shaky throne. Both Max Carlos and Russell Sands would start favorite to beat him in title fights. Bracken is a good tradesmen with a punch.

Feather title is vacant at this writing. MAX MURPHY, who may be the next champion, is as tough as teak and as strong as a middleweight. He hits hard, without being a one-punch kayo king. He is a counter-puncher and favors fighter-type opponents, rather than swift-moving boxers. His opponent in the upcoming title fight, FRANKIE BENNETT, is a swift-moving boxer who has a very fast combination left-right. A former Australian flyweight champion (he won the title at the age of 18 and three weeks), he is attractive to watch, but is not as tough as Murphy, although his heart is as big as the rest of him. Although a boxer, Bennett is not averse to fighting and this, allied to the superior strength of Murphy, should gain for Max the title.

The bantam champion, DICK WHITE, is a tough, walk-in fighter who never lets up. All heart and punch is Dick and he could make any bantamweight fight his hardest.

WARNER BATCHELOR, who repped at the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games, won the Australian flyweight title in his fifth pro start. There is no flyweight in the land within cooee of him. He tried his luck in South Africa early in the year, but was knocked out in the second round by Empire champion, Dennis Adams. Batchelor was warned to box Adams, as the Empire champion is a dynamite puncher. But Batchelor is a fighter, not a boxer, and he tried to fight the champion. Result: Adams hit too hard. Warner could still trouble many of the world's flyweights.

CANADIAN MARITIMES
By Fred Bishop

SHELBURNE, N. S.:—BERNIE STONE, 146, HALIFAX, N. S., WAS AWARDED a third round T.K.O. victory over the veteran south shore battler, Mickey Ross, 149, Sandy Point, N. S., in a bout of 10 rounds.

In the semi-final 6, Hardrock George Burns, 136, Halifax, was knocked out by up-and-coming Billy Nickerson, 134, Yarmouth, at the two-minute mark of the second round.

In a bout scheduled for 6 rounds, undefeated George Munroe, 134, Halifax, knocked out Dewey Waybret, 131, Yarmouth, in the first round.

▶ Quebec City, Que.:—Gerry Simpson, 122, Montreal, outpointed Gabby Paliotti, 121, Montreal, in 12 rounds for the Canadian featherweight title. Simpson, who fights from bell to bell, must be congratulated for his upset victory.

FROM BERMUDA
By U Ba Wa

PROFESSIONAL BOXING IS DEFINITELY TO STAY IN Burma, as was witnessed by the packed stadium in Rangoon.

Since the middle of 1957 there has been no professional boxing in Burma, although the amateur game was booming due to the arrival of US boxing coach Ray Chisholm from the University of Minnesota.

In March local promoter George Duncan invited professionals from India and Thailand and staged three outdoor shows during the month.

▶ Thailand's K. Naruphai kept constant pressure on Burma's K. Black for a decision in an eight-rounder at the featherweight limit.

▶ Thailand's Charnchai, 111, knocked Burma's Saw Sandy, 111½, out in the sixth round, while K. Black (Burma), 125, knocked out D. Inglis (India), 126, in the fourth round.

▶ Thailand's Charnchai, 112, on over Burma's ex-amateur boxer, Kyaw Myint, 112½, by k.o. in the fourth round of a good fight. It was Kyaw Myint's first pro defeat.

"Ready for the Big Moment, Max?"

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

STEVE WARD, A SCRAPPY YOUNG LIGHTWEIGHT OUT OF HARTFORD, Conn., held Ludwig Lightburn, of British Honduras, to a 10 round standstill at Miami Beach. Promoter Chris Dundee, like the 1,259 fans, would have a rematch and is dickering for a 12 rounder, so good was the battle.

Ward gave the Beach-folks something new in the way of fight-planning and it is very likely this method of watching the opponent's feet to decipher the intended punch, earned him the draw. Lightburn, fighting his first since January after an eye operation, found his mark when Steve raised his head but it was seldom so and he didn't look the 3-1 fav.

Ref Jimmy Peerless tabbed it 97 apiece; Judge Carl Gardner picked Ward, 96-95, while Judge Gus Jacobson figured Lightburn, 97-95.

Good prelims prevailed and in the top of these, Andy Arel planted John Tombley on deck three times in the first round of a scheduled tenner for a TKO win in 1:28. Hymie Budow, facing Al DuBoise, got a draw after six rounds. Jimmy Watson lasted into the second round with Henry Ferguson, the end coming for Watson in 1:09. Billy Arias and Bobby Moore made it a four round draw.

▶ Larry Boardman 141, gained a triumph at Miami Beach with a TKO in five over Kid Centella, 139¾, on March 18. The loser, from Nicaragua, was still sleeping after Referee Billy Reagan had stopped it.

Jo Jo Jordan, 137½, Miami, beat Tommy Fields, 164, Philadelpia, in a four. Sylvester Garrison, 183½, New York, stopped Bo Willis, 191, Miami, in 1:14 of the opener. Eddie Ludlow, 133, Miami, stopped Roosevelt Stringer, 127½, Miami, in three. Steve Ward, 140¼, whipped Freddie Cozart, 135¾, Miami, in a good-fought tenner. (Ward graduated to the very Beach top soon after). Chris Dundee promoted. (2,145 fans; $4,606 gate).

▶ Andy Mayfield, tripping out of town, found Joey Giambra too, too much for him and lost a 10 round unanimous decision at Oakland, California. It was Giambra, a top flight middleweight, all the way. Mayfield, of Miami Beach, had a good fifth round.

▶ The Miami Beach Boxing and Wrestling Commission thinks Bo Willis needs a rest following his one round loss to Sylvester Garrison. Physical condition is essential to any boxer and Willis lacks that.

▶ Bobby Rogers made another hit at Miami Beach where he won the 10 round decision over Ernie (Sonny Boy) Williams, of Washington D.C., in a tingling tiff. Forced to show his best, Rogers, 134, of Chicago, did so when it meant most, towards the closing and it paid off with the three votes, though close. Williams, 136-3/4, opened the play with good, close-in action to the head and body. But the fire fizzled as Rogers sizzled in the second-half.

Referee Billy Reagan had it 96-95; Judge Stu Winston, 97-94 and Judge Barry Pearlman, 97-92. This was Williams' first fight in several months.

Ray Estepa, 135½, Miami, took an eight from Freddie Cozart, 133, Haines City; Jo Jo Jordan, 157½, Miami, beat Gordon Van Loo, 153-3/4, Miami University, in six after dropping him in the fifth; Levi Pearson took four from Willie Caddell, and Henry Ferguson did same to Walter Bailey. Chris Dundee promoted and the card drew 1,291 fans.

▶ Careful matching eventually paid off for Gomeo Brennan, the buster from Bimini. About all his fights were for Chris Dundee in Miami Beach promotions. Fans down there have watched Gomeo come up from prelims to his present status, a main eventer.

Facing Tony DeCola, Brennan gave the Brooklyn boy a body beating in winning the 10 round decision and triumph eight straight. DeCola gave a fine account and the voting, although all for Brennan, was close. Referee Jimmy Peerless had Gomeo, 98-94; Judge Eddie Thal, 98-96, and Judge Fred Aaronson, 98-93. The winner at 150½, and the loser, 16 ounces less.

In the prelims: Billy Orais, 134¼, Homestead AFB, took four from Eddie Ludlow, of Miami; Ray Sheppard, 153, of Glendale, Cal., drew in a six with James Thomas, 159, of Miami; Hymie Budow, 131, Miami, tripped Al DuBoise, 134, of Miami, in a four rounder; Clinton (Kid Pie) Jordan, 128½, Miami, TKOed Johnny Lanier, 123, of New Orleans, in two; Marshall Harris, 181½, Detroit, won by a TKO in three over Gene Cooper, 178, of Miami. The card attracted 1,392 fans, and a gate of $2,501.75, gross.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

AT THE STATE FAIR GROUNDS RORY CALHOUN, 161, used his sledgehammer fists to pound out a sixth-round technical knockout over Yolande Pompey, 165, before 2,892 patrons. An overhand, neck-snapping right seconds before the end of the fifth round halted the bout at Freedom Hall. Pompey complained of a neck injury between the fifth and sixth round, and Boxing Commission Physician John Ambach halted the fight. Dr. Ambach sent a stiff-necked Pompey to St. Joseph's Infirmary for X-rays and for other tests. Pompey also suffered an eye cut. Hospital medics said Pompey suffered a severe muscle spasm of the neck and he was discharged.

Ruddell Stitch, 147, Louisville, won by a T.K.O. in five over Billy Gillespie, 152, Benton Harbor, Mich. Danny Jones, 147, Louisville, won by split decision over Ronnie Fischer, 146, South Bend, Ind., in six.

Ross Calvin, 137, Nashville, Tenn., won by unanimous decision over Joe Woodward, 135, Chicago. Carl Blair, 167, Louisville, won in four by a split decision over Jimmy Dover, 165, Chicago.

▶ The National Junior A.A.U. boxing championships scheduled to start here April 24 were called off regretfully because of lack of entries.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

MICHIGAN WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPION DUKE HARRIS, 147½, Detroit, won a decisive but grueling decision over a last minute replacement in Johnny Neal, 155, Milwaukee, in ten rounds at the Motor City Arena. Harris was to have fought Weyman Dawson when the flu bug struck him. Then Johnny Cunningham agreed to fill in only to sustain a cut eye in training. However, while Harris won every round against Neal, he was forced to step lively throughout the good action-packed contest. Billy Conn, former light-heavy-weight champion, was the referee.

Edgar Gregory, 137½, Detroit, and Virgil Sled, 135½, Detroit, put another good pleaser in their four round scrap with the former winner; Ernest Hill, 161, Detroit, won over Leo Bailey, 162, Detroit, by the closest of margins in their action packed four beller; Gaetano Di Nalo, 134, Detroit, made it three inarow by decisioning Ray Trotter, 135, Detroit, in four; and Bill Copeland, 185, Detroit, TKO'd Buddy Miller, 208, Detroit, in three.

▶ Johnny Summerlin, Detroit heavyweight, earned a shot at Nino Valdez, with an easy four round TKO victory over Cornelius Brown at the MCA. Summerlin had things all his way as Brown had very little to offer.

Ernest Hill, Detroit middleweight, outpunched Floyd Brooks in four; Dave Shoulders, Detroit's Golden Gloves heavyweight champion, was lucky to win his pro debut from Carl Beaver, of Toledo, in a four; Joe Constantino and Napoleon Ludy a couple of local lightweights put on a dandy with the former declared the victor, and Randy Huff, Detroit middleweight, was too strong for Mario Sienz, of Saginaw, in another four.

▶ Wilf Greaves, 159, Edmonton, Ala., won the vacant Canadian middleweight title with comparative ease over an outclassed Colby McCluskey, 157, Charlottetown, N. S., at the Windsor Arena. Greaves floored his opponent at the outset of the fight and had him in deep trouble until referee Johnny Weber finally stepped in at 2:14 of the fourth round to halt the one-sided contest.

Jim Bowlin's hard punching protege Henry Hank, 159, Detroit, scored another impressive victory when he stopped veteran Sherman Williams, 165, Louisville, Ky., in the very first round. Williams stopped KO artist Ray Remson's win streak at the Olympia last October.

Dave Mundy, 202, Detroit, returned to the ring after a long layoff to decision Abie Olds, 200, Cleveland, in four; Bill Copeland, 181, Detroit, stopped Charles Dale, 182½, Detroit, in the first round; and Jessie Fagan, 162, Detroit, outpunched Bill Tuck, 162½, Louisville, Ky., in four.

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NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

LEICESTER . . . Willie Pastrano, The American Heavyweight, 188, although winning cleverly against Joe Bygraves, Jamaica, 205½, over ten rounds, knew that he had been in a fight. In the early rounds Bygraves tried to take the clever American out of his stride and for a time he succeeded, but the Will O' the Wisp soon got his educational left hand to work and scored at a fast pace to get himself out of some tight corners.

Bygraves fought with great determination for he wanted to show that his form against Wayne Bethea in New York was all wrong. On his showing against Pastrano, Joe has made a real comeback, and will again be a thorn in the Empire Heavyweight ranks.

Randy Turpin, Cruiserweight Champion of Great Britain, had no difficulty in defeating Eddie Wright, Mile End. Referee Stan Hiles stopped the bout in the seventh after Wright had taken three counts, and was in a helpless condition. Both scaled inside 177.

George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 162½, showed improved form by stopping the tough Scot, John Woolard, 161, in the sixth. . . . Mike Leahy, Coventry, 149, was too good for Sam Lamptney, Ghana, 149¼, and the referee intervened to save Leahy from further punishment.

Brian Jones, Nottingham, 134½, and "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 134, fought eight rounds to a draw. . . . Gene Jackstins, Leicester, 181½, gained a points win over Johnny Hunt, Birkenhead, 177¾, in six. . . . Tony French, Leamington, outpointed Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, in a six round featherweight contest.

▶Great Yarmouth. . . . A cut eye again cost Reg Fisher, Leyton, 147, a bout that he might have won, for in the first round of his bout with Leo Moloney, Hillingdon, 149, he received a bad cut, and he gamely fought on until the sixth when referee Bill Williams wisely stopped the bout in favor of Moloney, as the damage to his eye was too great.

Ted Buck, Nottingham, 162, outpointed Tony Ratcliffe, Bristol, 162, in six . . . Billy Goodwin, Lambeth, 138½, outpointed Teddy Barker, Swindon, 137, in six . . . Joe Ceroni, Italy, 146, outslugged Bob Shillingford, Romford, 149½, in six. . . . Jimmy Daly, Canning Town, 147½, was impressive in stopping Cyril Bates, Nottingham, 146, in the third. . . . Eldy Giles, Linton, 160, outpointed Fitzroy Lindo, Jamaica, 154¾, in six. . . . George Burke, Canning Town, 165¾, outpointed Johnny Dumper, Winchester, 163, in six. . . .

▶WALWORTH. . . . Terry Gill, West Ham, 147, successfully defended his Southern Area Welterweight Title, by gaining a close decision over Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 146½, in twelve. Gill got off to a early start and took the first four rounds before Richardson began to put on the pace. Although The Canning Town "Redhead" was fast catching up on Gill's lead, the latter spurted in the last two rounds to receive referee Jack Hart's decision. . . .

Harry Haydock, British Guiana, 147, knocked out Peter Ratcliffe, Bristol, 149, in the first. . . . Ronnie Rush, Trinidad & Cardiff, 137, was cautioned in the first round to close his glove when punching, He took the referee's advice and knocked out Eddie Hughes, Walworth, 136¼, in the third. . . . Stan Cullis, Bristol, 171¼, outpointed Phil Harrington, Guildford, 177½, in Six. . . . Terry Russell, Canning Town, 136, stopped Ray Griffiths, Stevenage, 135, in the second . . . . Tim Giles, Stepney, 163, outpointed Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 164¾, in six. . . . George Jeffreys, Kilburn, 150¾, outpointed Gus Harry, Trinidad, 145, in six.

▶GLASGOW. . . . Willie Toweel, South Africa, British Empire Lightweight Champion, who has been boxing in these British Isles with remarkable success, was toppled off the Worlds Championship Ladder, by a seventh round K.O. by Guy Gracia of France. . . . Although Willie was not actually counted out, he could never have beaten the count. Referee Eugene Henderson wisely stopped the count as he afterwards explained, that he though that as Toweel fell with his head on the bottom rope, he might have been seriously injured.

For six rounds Toweel was handing out a boxing lesson to Gracia, but a change came at the biginning of the seventh, a short right connected on Toweel's jaw. He folded a the knees and took a count of nine. He gamely rose only to be sent down again, and he beat the count by a fraction of a second. The South African was now a punchbag for the hard hitting Frenchman who sent over another murderous right which sent the defenceless down and out with his head resting on the bottom rope.

▶SHOREDITCH. . . . Terry Spinks, Canning Town, 117¾, boxing with confidence, scored a easy points win over Henry Schmid, France, 116¼, winning every one of the eight rounds. . . . Ron Warnes, Erith, 144¼, outpointed George Davis, Earls Court, 140½, in a rugged six. . . . Alan Peacock, The young Hull Cruiserweight, 170½, although losing his bout to Rocco King, Doncaster, 165½, in the fourth round owing to a closed left optic, showed enough courage and punching power to go to the top of the fistic ladder. . . . In meeting Rocco, the youngster was against an experienced fighter, and was in the lead when referee Tommy Little intervened at the end of the fourth. . . . More will be heard of The Hull Cruiserweight. . . . Frankie Turner, Camden Town, 137, outpointed Vic Bowyer, Hornchurch, 140, in six. . . . Earl Reefer, Trinidad, 137½, outpointed Micky Collins, Dublin, 140½, in six. . . . Buster Gaffney, Croydon, 143, knocked out Dave Auld, Leicester, 144½, in the first. . . .

▶LIVERPOOL. . . . "The Stadium" Liverpool, lived up to its reputation as "The Graveyard of Champions" when its local favorite Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, British and Empire Middleweight Champion was shorn of the latter title by Dick Tiger, Nigeria, who knocked out Pat in the ninth, to win the Empire middleweight title. This is the first time McEteer has taken the full count in fifty-six bouts.

In the first five rounds McAteer ran up a good lead on points, but the wily Nigerian was only biding his time to land one of his hard left hooke on the head or body of the cleverer champ. McAteer, played right into the hand of Tiger in the sixth, when he foresook his boxing to fight it out with his hard hitting opponent.

In the seventh and eight the heavier punches had their effect on McAteer, who was tiring fast and the bell at the end of the eight was welcome. Coming up for the ninth, they both threw left hooks, but Dick Tiger's the more effective. One blow damaged Pat's nose, then shot a right to the head followed by a left hook that put McAteer on the canvas to have referee Tommy Little count the fatal TEN. . . .

▶PRESTON. . . . Worlds Champion Floyd Patterson drew a capacity crowd at The Public Hall when he boxed a three round exhibition with his American Sparring partner, Dusty Rhodes. The crowd gave the Champ a big ovation. . . . Danny McNamee, Dundee, 118, gained a clear points win over Don Armah, Gold Coast, 119, in six. . . . George Eastham, Preston, 149½, knocked out Cliff Lawrence, Rotherham, 148, in the second. . . . Freddie Bancroft, Cockermouth, 129, outpointed Alf Cottam, Preston, 127½, in six. . . . Gerry Jones, Wigan, 122, outpointed Eric Lord, Bacup, 122, in six. . . . Tommy Weston, Preston, 139½, knocked out Kevin Duxbury, Accrington, 142, in the third. . . .

▶BELFAST. . . . Ray Ashie, Ghana, 132, again scored a convincing win at The Ulster Hall when he forced the referee to intervene in his favor in the fourth. His opponent Jim Fisher, Belfast, 132½, had been punched to a standstill and the referee acted wisely in calling a halt. . . . Armstrong Jany, Ghana, 148½, knocked out Pat Price, Newry, 148, in 1 min. 50 secs. of the first round. . . . Tommy Huston, Belfast, 137, knocked out Pat Loughran, Belfast, 137, in the sixth. . . . Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 133, and Jim Loughins, Belfast, 138, battled six rounds to a draw. . . . Bernie Feeney, Banbridge, 122½, stopped Billy Adams, Belfast, 120½, in the second. . . .

▶LEYTON. . . . Arthur Howard, Islington, 176, was too strong for Ildephonse Warusfel, France, 178, and the referee stopped the one sided bout in the third. . . . The more I see of Terry Sprinks, West Hamm, 117¾, as a bantam, the more sure I am, that one day in the not too far distant future, he will be contesting for titular honors. . . . The way he handled Alex Bollaert, Belgium, 118½, in their eight rounder, was a treat to witness.

From the first gong, "Baby Face" Spinks chased the back paddling Belgium, and in the seventh the latter was put down for a long count from a snappy right to the jaw. The wily Belgium gamely fought on the retreat to be a long way behind on points. . . .

Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 148½, made a welcome re-appearance in the ring with a clear points win over The Southern Area Welterweight Champion, Terry Gill, West Ham, 149¼, at the end of eight exciting rounds. By his win, Carroll has put a spanner in the forthcoming Area Title match between Gill & Ron Richardson, for he has now beaten both Holder and challenger. . . . . Joe Ceroni, Bournemouth, 147½, outpointed Ted Young, South Africa, 148¾, in six. . . . Gordon White, Lambeth, 159½,

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(to May 21, 1958)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Joe Erskine (W)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Dick Tiger (N)	George Barnes (A)
2. Brian London (E)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	Joe N'Gidi (SA)
3. Joe Bygraves (J)	Johnny Halafihi (To)	Yama Bahama (B)	Attu Clottey (G)
4. Dick Richardson (W)	Mike Holt (SA)	Clive Stewart (A)	Gale Kerwin (C)
5. George Cooper (E)	Randy Turpin (E)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Darby Brown (A)
6. George Chuvalo (C)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Phil Edwards (W)	Tommy Molloy (E)
7. Kitione Lave (To)	Arthur Howard (E)	Martin Hansen (E)	Jimmy Newman (E)
8. Allen Williams (A)	Sammy Langford (N)	Freddie Cross (W)	Sandy Manuel (N)
9. Gawie de Klerk (SA)	Al Sparks (C)	Terry Downes (E)	Johnny Melfah (G)
10. Sifa Kivalu (To)	Ron Redrup (E)	Jimmy Lynas (E)	Boswell St. Louis (T)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Willie Toweel (SA)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Peter Keenan (S)	Dennis Adams (SA)
2. Dave Charnley (E)	Percy Lewis (T)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Frankie Jones (S)
3. Richie Howard (C)	Pete Kawala (C)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Lloyd Gordon (C)
4. Lud. Lightburn (BH)	Johnny Howard (E)	George Bowes (E)	Len Reece (W)
5. Ron Hinson (E)	Aryee Jackson (G)	Dai Dower (W)	Malcolm McLeod (E)
6. Max Carlos (A)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Terry Spinks (E)	Warner Batchelor (A)
7. Billy Kelly (I)	Gerry Simpson (C)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Alex Ambrose (S)
8. Jackie Hayden (C)	Charley Hill (S)	Dick White (A)	Gerry Parker (E)
9. George Martin (E)	George Dormer (E)	Graham v. d. Walt (SA)	Bindi Jack (A)
10. Russell Sands (A)	Sexton Mabena (SA)	Eric Brett (E)	John Caldwell (S)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales.

and Joe Somerville Berkhampstead, 157¾, fought six rounds to a draw. . . .

▶DERRY. . . . The local Paddy Kelly, 129¾, was surprisingly counted out in the fourth round of his bout with Len Harvey, Cardiff, 128½. In the first three rounds Kelly had a clear advantage, but a looping right from Harvey put the Irishman on the deck. He made an effort to rise without a count, but his corner advised him to take a longer rest, this was misjudged for he rose just as the referee called the "OUT. . . . Jim Hamilton, Belfast, 139, knocked out Len Donnelly, Derry, 139¾, in second.

Andy Doherty, Derry, 128½, was a narrow points winner over Billy Skelly, Belfast, 127, in eight. . . . Paddy McCauley, Belfast, 150, and Charle "Ming" Harkin, Derry, 156, put up a great scrap for six rounds before McCauley was declared the winner. . . . Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 136, stopped Dick O'Brien, Belfast, 134, in the fifth, when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut lip. . . .

▶MIDDLESBOROUGH. . . . Johnny Melfah, Ghana, 145¾, certainly packs a hefty punch in his 5 feet 4 inches frame for he soon had Leo Molloy, Birkenhead, 145, in trouble with his hard punching. Molly, gamely tried to stem the tide, but all to no avail for Melfah was a comfortable points winner in eight. Given the chance, Melfah will be an obstacle for the leading welters in Great Britain. . . .

Ken Harvey, Thornley, 161¼, knocked out Owen Feathers, Accrington, 158, in the first. . . . Ron Cowley, Sunderland, 142, knocked out Jimmy Lawson, Middlesborough, 140, in the forth. . . . Jack Richards, Middlesborough, 126, stopped Johnny Bamborough, West Hartlepool, 129, in the third when the referee intervened after the latter had sustained a badly cut eye. . . . Steve McManus, Manchester, 145, outpointed Bob Roberts, Birkenhead, 144, in six. . . .

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB..LONDON . . . Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 161½, gained a narrow points win over George Happe, Bethnal Green, 163, in eight. Happe was having his first bout in over two years, and he showed ring rust by his long absence, nevertheless with a few bouts under his belt he will return to his old fighting form. . . . Sani Armstrong, Ghana, 148½, easily outpointed Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 147½, in eight. . . .

Mick Barone, Belfast, 113½, scored a clear points win over Frank Spencer, Wolverhampton, 114½, in six. . . . Jimmy Daly, Plaistow, 145, stopped Mick Davis, Walthamstow, 145, in the forth, referee Harry Paulding intervened to save Davis taking further punishment. . . . Alex Bryant, Islington, 127, outpointed Johnny Collier, Bethnal Green, 128¾, in six. . . .

▶EPSOM. . . . Byron Hollingsworth, Trinidad, 138½, since arriving in Great Britain has won his five bouts all inside the distance when he stopped Jimmy McLaughlan, Hackney, 140, in the sixth. . . . Terry Lake, Morden, 141 stopped Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, 138, in the fourth, when the latter received a badly cut eye. . . . Billy Smith, Croydon, 173, was a clear points winner over Joe Walcott, Trinidad, 172½, in six.

Buster Gaffney, Croydon, 145, stopped Vernon Pellai, Trinidad, 145½, in the sixth. . . Joe Pyle, Carshalton, 155½, outpointed Fitzroy Lindo, Trinidad, 154½, in six. . . . Earl Reefer, Trinidad, 136½, outpointed Terry Russell, Canning Town, 134, in six. . . .

▶GREAT YARMOUTH. . . . Reg Fisher, Leyton, 147, and Paddy O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 147, fought hard for six rounds with the former staying the better, the end came when referee Pat Floyd intervened to save O'Callaghan from taking further punishment in the seventh. . . . Tony Ratcliffe, Bristol, 162, stopped Johnny Dumper, Winchester, 161¾, in the second. . . . Ron King, Walworth, 160, and Eddie Giles, Linton, 161½, fought six rounds to a draw. . . . Jack Burley, Hackney, 146, did well to outpoint Mick Robbins, Camberwell, 144½, in six. . . .

▶LEEDS. . . . Jack and Arthur Green, were all smiles when they saw the capacity packed Town Hall on the occasion of the visit of Worlds Champion Floyd Patterson's visit to box a three rounds exhibition with "Dusty" Rhodes. . . . The large crowd gave the Champ a big ovation. . . .

In a bruising eight round battle with no quarter given, Neville Rowe, Australia, 178, and Redvers Sangoe, Cardiff, 178, pleased the fans who cheered them on round after round, at the end, Rowe was awarded a points decision. . . .

Eric Brett, Retford, 120¼, turned in a good preformance when he outpointed Kimpo Amarfio, Ghana, 119, in a spirited eight. . . .

Randy Turpin, former wold middleweight champion and at present cruiserweight champion of Great Britain, had no difficulty in defeating Eddie Wright at Leicester, stopping him in the seventh round

Jim "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 134, punched hard and often to stop Con Mount Bassey, Jamaica, 131½, in the eighth and last round, when the latter received a cut cheekbone which caused referee Micky Fox to call a halt. . . . Tony French, Woking, 142, although not yet seventeen years of age, already showes signs of a lad with a future, for he has scored seven wins without defeat. His latest win was his best for he gained a good points decision win over another useful performer, Gerry Bedford, Upton, 145, in six sparkling rounds. . . .

Ronnie Vale, Leamington, 160, owes his defeat by Johnny Cunningham, Huddersfield, 163, in the third round, by his impetuousity after having the "southpaw" Cunningham at his mercy, for the latter was well on the way to defeat when the referee ruled that Vale had used his head in an illegal way, and was disqualified. . . .

▶LOUGHBOROUGH. . . . Sam Lamptney, Ghana, 150, and Terry Banning, Leamington, 145, fought eight fast rounds to a draw. . . . Andy Hayford, Ghana, 134, outpointed Billy Allport, Walsall, 130, in six. . . . Dave Auld, Leicester, outpointed Billy Allitt, Nottingham, in a six round welter-weight contest. . . . Ted Buck, Retford, 163, gained a points win at the expense of Jacob Dempsey, Antigua, 161, in a hard hitting six. . . . Barry Leonard, Nottingham, 164, knocked out Tommy Hartley, Liverpool, 156, in the third. . . .

It is with profound regret that I have to record the passing of an old friend in Joe McKean of Glasgow, well known boxing manager and match-maker. Joe, it will be remembered, brought the unknown Roy Ankkrah of Accra, to win The Empire Featherweight Title from Ronnie Clayton. "May your dear soul rest in peace."

▶PAISLEY. . . . Peter Keenan, British and Empire Bantamweight Champion, was in great form against Graham Vander Walt, South Africa, in defence of his Empire Title over fifteen rounds. . . . Keenan outboxed the South African in every phase of box fighting and it was only the guts and determination of The Little Springbok that enabled him to last the full distance. Keenan scaled 118 to the 115¾ for Van der Walt. . . .

Johnny McLaren, Coatbridge, 134¼, won the vacant Scottish Lightweight Title, by stopping Tommy McGuinness, Edinburgh, 135, in the Twelfth and last round. . . . Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 128, gave another favorable performance, when he knocked out Arthur Donachie, Greenock, 130¼, in the second. Alex Ambrose, Glasgow, 114½, stopped Len Reece, Cardiff, 114¼, in the sixth, the latter was forced to retire at the end of the round after he had received a badly cut eye. . . . Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, 120¼, outpointed Pat McCairn, Bethnal Green, 123¼, in an all action eight. . . .

▶BIRMINGHAM. . . . Phil Edwards, Cardiff, 161¾, again showed his class in gaining an impressive points win at the expense of Jimmy Lunas, Coventry, 161¾, in a hard hitting eight. . . . Tommy Tagoe, Ghana, 150, forced the referee to intervene in his favor after he had Eddie Bee, Cardiff, 149, in a defenceless position in the fourth. . . . Gordon Corbett, Birmingham, 173¼, outpointed Gene Jackstins, Leicester 172, in four. . . . Gordon Blackey, Cardiff, 128½, outpointed the Southpaw, Lol Reaney, Southport, 126, in six. . . .

Jimmy Robinson, Brownhills, 128¼, outpointed Trevor Jenkins, Newport, 133½, in four. . . . Peter Heath, Coventry, outpointed Arthur Burley, Wolverhampton, 133, in six. . . . Harry Carroll, Cardiff, 118¾, Knocked out Phil Hall, Birmingham, 120¼, in the first. . . .

▶BELFAST. . . . Sam Lamptey, Ghana, 144½, knocked out Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 139, in the third. . . . Andy Hayford, Ghana, 127½, knocked out Andy Doherty, Derry, 126, in the fourth. . . . Roy Sanlon, Belfast, 126¼,. knocked out Jim Hamilton, Belfast, 139, in the third. . . . Ray Bond, Belfast 138, knocked out Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 134½, in the second. . . . Pat Loughran, Belfast, 138¾, outpointed Tommy Larmour, Belfast, 140, in six. . . .

▶SHOREDITCH. . . . Arthur Howard, Islington, 174½, and Willie Armstrong, Glasgow, 173¼, gave the finest exhibition of an "All-In" boxing or fighting match that one could witness. The referee was the most patient man that I have ever seen handle such a mauling contest. Howard was the better mauler and he received the decision at the end of eight rounds. . . .

Ron Redrup, West Ham, 170½, defeated Jack London, Blackpool, 174, in the fifth. The latter retired after his seconds had perused his cut mouth and eye. . . . Alan Peacock, Hull, 173, again showed plenty of promise in the way he handled an awkward opponent in Joe Walcott, Trinidad, 172, for six rounds, the decision was just a formality. . . . George Davis, Nigeria, 146, knocked out Ted Young, South Africa, 150, in the first. . . . Gordon White, Kennington, 161, outpointed Joe Somerville, Berkenhempstead, 158, in six.

▶BELFAST. . . . Don Martin, Formby, 141¾, gained an impressive points win over Gerry McStravick, Belfast, 146, in eight. . . . George O'Neill, Belfast, 123, returned to form with a points win over Len Harvey, Cardiff, 127¾, in eight. . . . Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, 145¼, stopped Pat Price, Newry, 149, at the end of the second, after the latter had received a badly cut eye. . . . Jim Hamilton, Belfast, 137, stopped Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 137½, in the sixth,. . . . Tommy Larmour, Belfast, 142, stopped Shaun Linden, Belfast, 142½, in the sixth. . . .

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB. LONDON . . . . George Happe, Bethnal Green, 162, in his come back was pitted against a youngster with a future, but lack of experience on the part of Paul Gormley, Canterbury, 161, showed up his limitations, and the youngster was forced to take considerable punishment before referee Pat Floyd stopped the one sided bout in the fifth. . . .

Ken Langford, Slough, 120, held on to his early points lead to win on points against Billy Downer, Stoke Newington, 118, in eight fast rounds. . . . A smart young Irish Flyweight, Mick Barone, 113, now living in London, gave a polished performance to outpoint Frank Spencer, Wolverhampton, 114, in six. The members of the Club, covered the ring with "Nobbins" to the tune of £14-10-0. . . .

Terry Rees, Catford, 127¾, knocked out Johnny Collier, Bethnal Green, 130, in the sixth. . . . Cliff Brown, Northhampton, 136, stopped Peter Hill, Leyton, 138, in the fifth. .

▶WALSALL,. . . . Ronnie Vale, Leamington, 158½, gained a hard earned points win over Jacob Dempsey, Nigeria, 158¼, in six. . . . Freddie Bancroft, Cockermouth, 131, outpointed Jimmy Robinson, Brownhills, 128, in six. . . . Colin Salcombe, Birmingham, 128½, outpointed Alex Bryant, Islington, 126½, in six. . . . Barry Ridge, Leicester, 115, outpointed Johnny Boston, Blackburn, 115, in six . . . Colin Moore, Derby, 146, won easy over George Eastham, 148, in 6.

▶CHELTENHAM. . . . A big surprise was in store for the fans at The Town Hall, when Boswell St.. Louis, Trinidad, 145½, and Johnny Medfah, Ghana, 147, met over ten rounds. Melfah had been showing some good form since the beginning of this year, but his showing against St. Louis, surpassed anything that he has done before. Melfah

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WASHINGTON, D. C. CAPERS
By Mike Geary

LAHOUARI GODIH, 141½, French lightweight champion, made a fine if not spectacular debut in the United States ring, when he defeated Larry Baker, 142, in a nationally televised ten-round main event from Capital Arena.

Godih, whose win was his 20th straight, has won 46 of 51 bouts.

A crowd of 600 spectators were disappointed with the lack of action, most of which was shown in late rounds by the French champion.

Judges Julian Whitestone and Benny Alperstein voted 99-85 and 99-83 respectively for Godih. Referee Marty Gallagher saw it 99-84 also for Godih.

In an eight-round semi-final, Harold Smith, 135, Washington, defeated Shorty Haywood, 133, Baltimore.

In a four-rounder, Herb Jones, 145, Washington, beat Marty Lerock, 147, Washington. Monk Reynolds, 169, Alexandria, Va., decisioned Ronnie Washinskey, 170, McKeesport, Pa.

Gene Tippett, 145, McKeesport, Pa., outpointed Dave Zimmerman, 144, Washington.

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CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

BRISTOL, JULIE LARESE, BRISTOL SPORTSMAN AND sports promoter, kept a long time promise to Bristol sports fans by presenting former World's featherweight champion, Willie Pep, 129, in a local boxing show. Pep's opponent, George Stephany, 130, of New York fared no better than most of Pep's previous 209 victims, as Willie scored a shut-out in the ten scheduled rounds.

In a 4 round semi-final, Al King, 136 of Bristol had little trouble in defeating Jackie Horne, 138 of New Haven. The Gross gate was announced as a little under $3,000.00

▶ Hartford, A nondescript Hartford heavyweight, Oliver Wilson, had a short lived rise to fame, for after scoring a sensational KO win over heavyweight contender, Charley Norkus, in a recent Providence bout, he was immediately rematched, and lost a listless ten round decision, then thrown to the wolves by being matched with number one light-heavy contender, Harold Johnson at Hartford's Foot Guard Hall. Although in his best physical condition, Wilson appeared scared stiff. Johnson decked Wilson, once in the first round and 3 times in the second, forcing the referee to stop the one sided affair. But the 832 fans who contributed to a gross of $1,675.00 had already witnessed a very good boxing show, topped by a terrific 6 round semi-final bout. Guy Guerette, 154 won a knock-down, drag-out battle (that's just what it was) over Vincent Merello, 156, Philidelphia. Guerette, a Hartford lad, was making his first hometown appearance in years. Both boys were on the deck twice, Guerette's came in the second and Merello's in the first and fifth rounds. Guerette's heavier punches won him a close decision, but a popular one with the fans.

▶ Waterbury In a return bout, because of a disputed draw decision, in their only previous meeting, Pat Mallane, 136, Union City was opposed by Paul Lee, 138, Hartford, in the feature event at Buckingham Hall. Unlike their first meeting with Mallane having much his own way throughout the bout and appearing an easy winner in every-one's eyes but the referee, this bout was the complete opposite. Although Mallane started like he was going to repeat his performance in the first encounter, Lee, a determined youngster and tough infighter, kept plodding steadily along, sticking Pat with straight lefts and rights from long range and uppercutting him in close. Lee started to take command in the fourth. In the seventh he decked Mallane with a left to the head and a straight right to the jaw and repeated the knockdown with the same combination. Mallane survived the round.

It was another extremely good fight, this time Lee had a definite edge but Referee Eddie Moore's score card show each boy with 46 points after ten rounds of hard fighting. Now the boys are even all around, two official draws and a win each in the fans' eyes.

In a scheduled 4 round semi-final, Gene Perpaul, 198, Hartford scored a TKO over Billy Lambert, 205, Wolcott, when Lambert couldn't answer the bell for the third round, because of a split right ear. 788 fans paid a gross of $1,564.00.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY
By Ken (Duke) Stigner

PROMOTERS JOE SIMONE AND MARTY NARDOZZO, Wilkes-Barre, got off to a fairly good start in their first promotion of the year at South Main Street Armory, Wilkes-Barre, where in the main go of 10 rounds they featured Chico Vejar, a ranking middle-weight from Stamford, Conn., against Yvon Turenne of Montreal. Chico, a favorite of television fans. Early in the first round he unloaded a right to the ribs and a left hook to the chin that floored Turenne. The Canadian was up before the count of eight, but was wobbly. A second later Turenne was on the deck again, this time from a right-left combination. It was evident to the fans that the fight wouldn't last long.

The Canadian was floored again in the second, just before the bell sounded, but managed to make it to his corner. The club physician ordered the bout stopped between rounds. Vejar carried too many guns.

Al Hauser, 164, Philly, gained an eight-round decision over Stan Micheaux, 158, Newark. Hauser, a substitute to Choo Benso, had the upper hand most of the way and opened a cut over Micheaux's eye in the third heat.

In one of the best bouts on the under card, Bobby Barnes, 158, Wilkes-Barre, a graduate of the amateurs, copped the decision from Cleveland Zanders, 160, Long Island, in six rounds. Barnes, a busy fighter, tossed plenty of leather all the way to cop five of the six heats.

In another six, Bernie Rains, 149, New York, copped a split verdict over Bill Roberts, 149, Philly. The opening four was a slam-bang donnybrook as Felix Machado, 151, Cuba, decisioned Ziggy Levy, 150, Israel. The card drew a paid attendance of 930 fans, dumping a gross gate of $2,100 into the till.

▶ Waiting for the bell. . . . Mickey Walker, former welterweight and middleweight champion of the world, thrilled more than 500 members and friends of the Veteran Boxers' Association at the Association's second annual dinner at Scranton's Hotel Casey. . . . Walker blew his welterweight title 32 years ago to Pete Latzo, here in Scranton. Latzo, ex-champion Billy Soose, Jimmy Goodrich, former lightweight champ, also gave brief talks. . . . My address is 109 Robin St., Chinchilla, Pa.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

MIKE DeJOHN'S CLIMB TO THE HEAVYWEIGHT PINNACLE was temporarily deterred here, when Nino Valdes was awarded a decision over him after ten bloody rounds at the Coliseum, in which Mike did most of his fighting with one hand.

Although he did not topple the 206 pound Cuban, Mike made him look like an amateur in the first two rounds, as he handled him with ease. Mike would nail Nino coming in with a stiff jab, then turn him around and whack him with a left hook. Valdes got on to Mike by the third and his unorthodox tactics had Mike punching faster. In the fourth Nino began to mix things and while the thrills of Mike's heavy bombing were missing, it was a good fight. DeJohn reported he had injured his right hand in the third round. Mike, weighing 204, was in good condition but needed the right to accomplish his pre-battle plans. The tenth was a thriller as both went at each other hammer-and-tongs. DeJohn had all the best of this frame.

Referee Al Berl voted in favor of DeJohn, 5-4-1. Judge Bert Grant, saw it five rounds for each man, but gave Valdes two points in the fifth, seventh and ninth rounds for a total of six, giving Mike two points for his spectacular rally in the tenth. Judge Bill Reich, scored 4 for DeJohn and 6 for Valdes. All three officials were from New York City. Of more than 4,000 fans who viewed the battle, only 2,970 paid into the State Fairgrounds Coliseum. Many were said to have "crashed" through the boiler room, where an exit door was removed from its hinges.

As usual, the prelims were excellent. The semi-final was a slashing slugfest with Moses (Kid) Walker, 176¾, Syracuse, scoring an upset six round victory over George (Peppy) Kartalian, 175, Syracuse. This was a real feud, the results of a previous gym drill. Moses threw punches too fast and furious for George, who wasted time trying to get set for a knockout wallop. The action was exciting all the way. The fans loved it.

Walter Rushmore, 207, Westbury, L. I., was knocked to the canvas four times in 3 rounds by Dave Carey, 184½, Buffalo, before Referee Marc Terziev stopped the uneven match. Julio Romero, 147, Bronx, won the nod over Ritchie Stewart, 146, Syracuse, in a close six rounder. Moses Graham, 204, Buffalo, spar-mate of DeJohn, won an unanimous six round decision over Sam (Prince) Jones, 199, New York, in a slugging bee.

Ex-middleweight champion Carmen Basilio's young protege, Dickie DiVeronica, 134, Canastota, outpointed Carl Schroeder, 135, Rome, in a ding-dong clouting bee, which lasted four rounds.

▶ LEFT-HOOKS—The Valdes-DeJohn fight drew a gate of $8,995.50. . . . The men have been re-matched for June 18 in the War Memorial. . . . Bushy Graham, the oldtime Utica Will-O-The-Wisp, is out of the hospital after a lengthy serious illness. . . . Carmen Basilio is back in the Main Street gym doing light workouts. . . . The former welter and middleweight champion's left eye, which was injured in the Sugar Ray Robinson fight, is completely healed. . . . Mickey Barron, one-time local ring idol, one of the greatest drawing cards ever to appear in a boxing ring here, is a director of the Veteran Boxers' Association. . . . Mick now resides in Dickson City, Pa., and would like to hear from his old friends at 1217 Main St. . . . We have Souvenir Programs of a few local fights we will mail anywhere for 25¢ each plus stamps. . . . Programs for DeJohn-Valdes were completely sold out . . . Write Billy Shaw, Sr., 631 Park Ave., Syracuse 4, N. Y. . . .

FADEOUTS

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pray to win, I just pray that my opponent isn't hurt."

Mike Jacobs' organization wanted to give Hurley a fistful of blank contracts. Jack, ever wary of Foster, said, *"No thanks, I'll take one match at a time with this fellow, I don't trust that nighttime glint in his eyes."*

Foster was signed to box Charley Fusari in what promised to be a big money match. Fusari, famed as the Irvington, N. J., milk man, was a good puncher in his own right.

Vince became the subject of magazine articles. One publication sent a photographer with him to the Indian reservation where he had been raised. He posed co-operatively for a couple of days.

Hurley phoned from Chicago and said, *"Come right in after the pictures, you've got to start training for Fusari."*

Foster said yes—but, instead of going to Chicago, he vanished from sight. The frantic manager tried to trace him via friends.

No word from him for several days . . . until . . . front-page prominence suddenly flood-lit his whereabouts—St. Joseph, Mo. He was being held there on a rape charge.

Hurley, devoted and resourceful, hurried there and shortly had the trial put off. A new date was set for the fight. With time, the case simmered down and Jack arranged a settlement. The important thing was to get Vince back in training for the new date.

As Hurley tells it, *"he trained better than he ever had, when I sent him in the ring against Fusari, I was convinced he'd make a great fight."*

The contrariness of Foster's nature never was better evidenced.

Fusari stung him early, dropped him.

Now it had been agreed between them, whenever he (Foster) hit the floor, he was to get to a knee and turn so that he could receive instructions from Hurley.

Here he got to one knee and the manager jumped up the steps, the better to gesture to him. But, to Jack's amazement, Vince, on a knee, refused to look his way!

A frustrated Hurley watched Foster get to his feet and walk into another barrage, worse than the first. Down the fighter went for the full count.

When Hurley got him back to the corner, Foster leered at him. *"Thought I was going to let you tell me what to do, was that it?"* he snapped. *"You weren't going to give me orders."*

Hurley, incensed, merely glared back.

After paying him off, Jack half-heartedly suggested, *"When you feel like it, come back to the gym."*

The next time he heard about Foster, he got word that Vince had been killed in an auto accident in Pipestone, Minnesota.

Vince was an extreme illustration. Just the same, he is part of the cavalcade of fighters who flared brightly, then plummeted to obscurity. And, for years thereafter, they'll be wondering how a fighter with so much to start with failed to stay on the beam and go all the way.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

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scored a knockdown in the second round. Towards the latter part of the contest St. Louis tried to stem the tide of defeat, but the harder he fought he found that Melfah had a answer to whatever move he would make. In the last round they stood toe to toe swopping punches. The Referee Dick Burt had no hesitation in raising Melfah's hand as the winner. . . . In an all action six, Terry Lake, Morden, 141½, turned in a good win, by outpointing Terry Banning, Warwick, 140. . . . Ron Rowley, Pontypridd, 132½, outpointed Billy Allport, Walsall, 132¼, in a spirited six. . . . Johnny Summers, Islington, 139¾, outpointed Earl Reefer, Trinidad, 138, in six. . . . Joe Pyle, Carshalton, 156¼, outpointed Sammy Royals, Gloucester, 151¼, in six. . . . George Burke, Plaistow, 166, outpointed Mickey Dickenson, Gloucester, 171¼, in six. . . .

▶ WEMBLEY. . . . Harry Haydock, British Guiana, 148½, defeated Reg Fisher, Leyton, 147¼, in the second round, the referee intervened after Fisher had sustained a badly cut eye. . . . Billy Goodwin, Lambeth, 138½, outpointed Ray Nash, Wembley, 136½, in a hard fought six. . . . Terry Harper, Walthamstow, 133½, and Vic Bowyer, Hornchurch, 138, fought a draw in six. . . .

Phil Harrington, Guildford, 177½, stopped Billy Cornelius, Lambeth, 176, in the third, after the latter had received a badly cut eye. . . . Mick Davis, Walthamstow, 147, outpointed Mick Robbins, Camberwell, 146, in six. . . . Ron King, Walworth, 161¾, was too good for Johnny Berry, Harlesden, 162¼, and the referee stopped the one-sided bout in the first.

▶ HARRINGAY. . . . Tis often said "THAT A GOOD BIG UN, could always beat a good LITTLE UN". But all this went astray when little Dave Charnley, Dartford, now serving his National Service in The Army, dealt out severe punishment to Peter Waterman, in their scheduled ten round contest . . . . Sapper Charnley, is the British lightweight champion and Waterman who holds the British and European welterweight title, both weighed in under 149, that was to protect the latter title. From the first gong, Charnley took the initiative and drove the heavier champion around the ring with a countering right to the head. Waterman who had been showing poor form in his last three bouts, had no defence from the devastat-blows that his lighter opponent was dealing out. At no time did Waterman seem to have any sort of chance against one of the best little southpaws I have seen since the days of Freddie Miller, ex-Worlds Featherweight Champion. The climax came in the fifth, when referee Ike Powell of Wales stopped the one-sided bout in the fifth, and helped the tottering Peter Waterman to his corner.

Next day the beaten welterweight Champion declared that he was hanging up his gloves. A very wise decision, but what a lesson to many of the youngsters that are trying to reach the top rung of the ladder. At Twenty-Three, one of our greatest prospects has had to call it a day.

Terry Downes, Paddington, 160¾, had a task in defeating Tuzo Portuguez, Costa Rica, 162¾, in eight. . . . We were treated to a classical bantamweight bout in which Terry Spinks, West Ham, 116½, and Terry Brett, Retford, 116¾, served up for eight rounds. There could not have been a lot between these two smart bantams, but Spinks had that little bit extra to gain the points decision. Both came in for a great ovation as they left the ring. . . . The Olympic Gold Medalist improves with every bout.

Jack Whittaker, Warwick, 174¼, defeated Neville Rowe, Australia, 176½, in a hard hitting eight. . . . Gawie de Klerk, Heavyweight Champion of South Africa, 188, won his first bout in Great Britain, when he outpointed Peter Bates, Shirebrook, 213, in a bruising eight. . . . Barney Beale, Lambeth, 136, and Johnny Simmons, Paddington, 135¼, put up a good scrap for eight rounds with honors even. . . . Basil Kew, Putney, 180, defeated Allan Hand, Blackpool, 214, in the fourth, the latter was ruled out for a low blow.

SEEN & HEARD IN N. Y.

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phia, was a bit too shifty for aggressive Ray Lancaster, 139½, Spartanburg, S. C. In the opening section of the triple bill, veteran Al Tisi, 129½, East Side, outlasted Pat McCoy, 131¾, Galway, Ireland, in a scrambling brawl. Chunky McCoy set a furious pace during the early rounds but tired in the closing sessions.

ADDENDA. . . . The latest excuse by Italian promoter for delaying Mario D'Agata's showdown with Peter Keenan for the European bantam title was that Vigorelli Stadium in Milan was being used for dog-racing and would not be available for boxing on May 15. It was strange the news was not announced until Keenan, who had been fighting regularly and was in top form, was ready to leave Glasgow for the battle site. The bout is now set, tentatively, for June 14, but Keenan is convinced that D'Agata is determined to dodge the issue with him. The frequent postponements have messed up Peter's plans. The little Scot had been figuring on a business-pleasure jaunt with his wife to the United States this summer and as combined European and British Empire champion he'd have been a tremendous attraction in Los Angeles with the latest Mexican sensation, Jose (Toluco) Lopez.

Ben Jeby, one of the many claimants of the world middleweight title during the division's Decade of Confusion (1931-1941), is up and about again after a rugged hospital siege.

Although he's been away from boxing for quite a few years, and doing well in the stock and bond business, Charley Foley of Kansas City continues to keep in close touch with ring doings. In a recent note to this column he reported the passing of Ted Williams, popular Negro light-heavy of the 20s, who fought the likes of Jeff Clark, Dennis and Art Magirl, Warnie Smith and Tiger Jack Fox. Foley, incidentally, has developed political ambitions, and is a Democratic candidate for Congress from his district.

TV & BOXING

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The game is a tough, old bird dog, though, and we have a feeling that eventually the Laughing Stranger from Madison Avenue, pained in the pocketbook and no longer able to stomach boxing, might ask "What got into me?" and throw up the whole matter.

CHANNEL HOPPING. . . . Art Aragon, the Golden Boy of California boxing, has teamed up with Jim Healy for a new TV prefight show which is seen on Channel 13 (Los Angeles). The program is on from 8 to 8:15 p. m. each week, originating in the Hollywood Legion Stadium dressing rooms. It is called "Aragon on the Spot," which would appear to be an appropriate title.

Rocky Graziano, former world middleweight champion, appeared along with baseball's Jackie Robinson and basketball's Nat Holman on the "Sports-O-Phone" telecast program recently over Channel 13 (New York). The ninety minute program had the panel (the above three) answering questions telephoned in from viewers, with a short recess for a demonstration of a sport. Bert Lee, Jr. presides over the show .

Hartford, Conn., is staging PAL boxing shows for youngsters which can be viewed over WNBC, Channel 30 in Hartford on Saturdays. . . . TV money for the Brown-Dupas world lighweight title bout came to $45,000.

Complete Coverage of the Vince Martinez-Virgil Akins Welterweight Title Bout in the August Issue of The Ring Magazine.

ANSWERS to the
"FIVE ROUNDER."
Round one–a; c; a.
Round two–b; c; b.
Round three–b; a; b.
Round four–a; b; b.
Round five–b; a; a.

PEREZ RETAINS HIS TITLE

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The referee, an American, Ben Maculan, scored the fight 147 to 139 for Perez, with the judges turning in score cards of 147 to 144 and 144 to 139 respectively for the champion. Perez received $40,000 tax free and Arias $18,000, one of the highest amounts paid to a challenger in the history of the division.

Perez had announced that he was going to retire at the end of this year, and the fine showing made by Arias who dropped his second decision in ten fights, established him as the top man to replace Perez should this happen. Ramon has retained his position as number one contender and there is talk of a return bout as many of the Venezuelan newspaper men felt that if it had not been for the cut, Arias might have taken the crown in this bout. However, with Perez talking retirement, it would be wise of Ramon to wait as his impressive showing places him head and shoulders above the other contenders.

As for Pascual, one of the greatest of the flyweights, it marked only the second time in defense of his crown that he was carried the full fifteen rounds. Leo Espinosa in 1956 being the only other man to stay the limit against the powerful little champion.

His record places him close to such stars as Jimmy Wilde, Pancho Villa, Benny Lynch and Frankie Genaro. He rates among the top men in all-time rankings.

PAOLINO JULY 4th HERO

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BASQUE CALLED OUT OF RETIREMENT AS LOUIS VICTIM

Although not beaten decisively in any of them, losing battles with King Levinsky, Mickey Walker, Tommy Loughran, Ernie Schaaf and Tuffy Griffiths, now showed the path of Paolino to be a downward one.

Still good enough to beat second stringers like Salvatore Ruggirello, Don McCorkingdale, and Pierre Charles, he was champion Primo Carnera's opponent in one of the few heavyweight title contests ever held on continental soil, in Rome, on Oct. 11, 1933. This was a one-sided affair. The towering Italian, who had beaten his smaller foe previously whom he outweighed more than sixty pounds, had no trouble at all with the fading Uzcudun in that second meeting.

On May 1934, Barcelona, Spain, was the scene of a most surprising Paolino showing, a draw with Max Schmeling, but most unbiased observers attributed this result to friendly environs and a Paolino-conscious crowd and officials. Above the resounding chorus of 40,000 wildly screaming partisan Spaniards shrilled the familiar solo of Schmeling's manager Joe Jacobs, "We was *robbed!*".

Paolino tried it for a third time with Schmeling on July 7, 1935, in the German's Berlin bailiwick. This fight was a repetition of the New York meeting six years before. The former champion won easily.

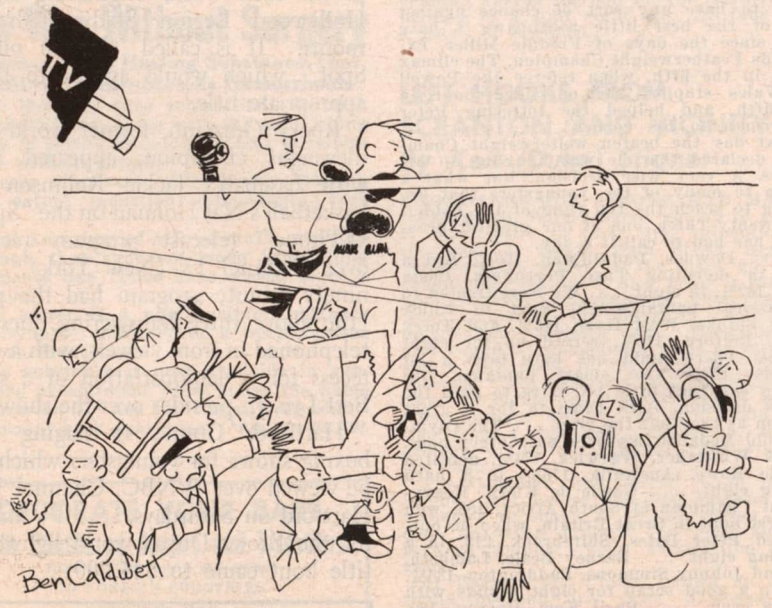
Paolino then settled down in Spain, seemingly content to call it a career after a decade of bruising battling. But in far off New York, Damon Runyon, advisor to Mike Jacobs, then moulding Joe Louis into an all time masterpiece, had other ideas about the solid Spaniard who never had been knocked off his feet in bitter warfare against the best men of his time.

Paolino was lured from his rocky hillside home as fodder for Louis and faced the young Brown Bomber in Madison Square Garden on Dec. 13, 1935.

The pinpointing right hand with which Louis dumped the aging Basque on his back in the fourth round, after solving the Paolino curtain of elbows, has been called the most powerful precision punch ever tossed by a human being. It deposited the Basque upon the canvas as though he had been felled by a thunderbolt. Although he was able to struggle back to his feet, he was through.

Returning to his native land, Paolino became swallowed up in the hurly burly of the Spanish Revolution and little was heard of him for many years. Stability having finally returned to his homeland, in 1945, reports reached the States that he was on an exhibition swing with comeback ideas.

Wisely enough he thought better of it for he was then forty-six years old. Since then he has lived quietly in Spain, a favorite of the Franco regime and a hero to his neighbors as Spain's greatest fighter.



"YES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU ARE WITNESSING ONE OF THE TRULY GREAT BATTLES OF THE CENTURY."

NEWS FROM JAPAN
By F. N. Miike

LEO ESPINOSA OF THE PHILIPPINES GAINED A UNANIMOUS but close decision over Sadao Yaoita of Japan on April 11 at Tokyo Stadium before 6,000 fans.

Espinosa, rated third by Ring magazine among the world's bantamweights, was hard pressed by the scrappy Japanese flyweight champion. A return match between the two is in order. Experts sitting at ringside for the action-packed fight, saw it so close that they said the fight could have been awarded either side.

Referee Nicky Pope, a civilian worker with the U. S. Armed Forces in Japan, scored it 4-3 for Espinosa, Judge Koshiro Abe had it 3-2 for Espinosa and Judge Ko Toyama 6-4 for Espinosa.

There were no knockdowns in the 12-round scrap. A hard right to the ribs thrown by Espinosa dropped the Japanese challenger, but Referee Pope ruled it a low blow. The controversial knockdown came in the 7th round. This round was scored in favor of Espinosa by Referee Pope and Judge Toyama.

Had the round been taken away from Espinosa, the fight could have gone to Yaoita. As it was the round was given to Leo by a point by two of the three officials. Judge Abe called the 7th round even.

Espinosa, 29 years old, weighed 118, and Yaoita, 22 years old, 116 pounds.

▶At Tokyo Stadium, Espinosa lost in his bid to win the Orient featherweight title in a match against Japan's Hisao Kobayashi. Kobayashi, 19 years old., weighed 126 pounds and Leo, 122. The dicision was unanimous. They fought for the title vacated by Shegeji Kaneko.

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